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PHILATELIC FINANCE OF THE HOUR.

Optimism of the French Dealer.—A great deal of credit is due to the big firms like Champion, Lemaire, Maury, etc., who have kept their establishments going right through the war, even when the Germans were almost at the gates of Paris, and thus helped to maintain the prestige of Philately. Throughout they have shown a notable example of confidence and patriotism, more in keeping with spirit of "Business as usual" than the timorous attitude of many English dealers. This lack of confidence amongst many of our own dealers reflects small credit upon the stamp trade.

A striking example of pluck and enterprise during war time has been shown by Messrs. Yvert and Tellier of Amiens, who, within a few days of the evacuation of that town by the German forces, produced a new issue of *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*, which has now resumed publication as usual! The other leading French journals are now being issued once more. Altogether French philatelists seem to be taking things much more philosophically than we, supposedly phlegmatic, folk in England. Let us endeavour to follow their example.

French and English Advertisements.—One cannot but be struck by the marked difference between the business methods of English and Continental dealers at the present time. The latter—appreciating the fashion of the moment—devote their announcements to topical items such as war issues, stamps of the countries at war, Levant stamps, Epirus, etc., all calculated to take the public taste at the moment. Here are a few sample quotations:—

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Other offers are sets of the various Foreign Post Offices in Turkey, German Colonials, German Post Offices in Morocco, etc.

I am not suggesting, of course, that our dealers need offer German Colonials, etc., as their "Star Turn," but there are many war issues and cancellations which interest the British philatelist apart from anything originating—or more correctly—originally originating from our present enemies.

Compare the above with the "Stamps bought and sold" advertisements in the British stamp journals. And then I am told that advertising is no good! What wonder? It is the uninteresting advertisement that is at fault.

War Stamps and New Collectors.—Profit on the handling of war stamps and current issues may be small, but one has to realise that it is the interest taken in these stamps at the present time that is doing much to keep the hobby alive. The collector who at first goes in for war stamps will ultimately launch out in other (and to the dealer, more profitable) directions. Not only regular collectors, but the newspaper reading public are anxious to buy these historical souvenirs of the war, but they must be told where they are to be obtained and that is why the dealer with an eye to his own interests should be advertising more freely now than at any time. Thousands of new collectors can be made at the present time, if only the dealers make the most of their opportunities.

The New Catalogues.—Despite the war the standard catalogues all seem to be appearing as usual. The new editions of *Senf and Kohl* are on sale on the Continent, whilst the 19th editions of the *Yvert and Tellier-Champion Catalogue* was announced to appear on the 15th of last month. In America the new *Scott* was to have been issued about the middle of October, but no copy has reached me as yet. At home the only new catalogue issued this season is the 15th edition of the *Standard Catalogue* published by Whitfield King and Co.

Speculation in War Stamps.—Things are not as they used to be in the good old times when a certain type of "smart" individual was practically unknown. I refer to a genus known as the Speculator.

Nowadays one never knows what one is doing when buying provisionals (or sometimes even new regular issues) when they are still in the "red hot" stage without their full pedigrees available.

That clever "philatelist" and business genius, the speculator, now has an excellent chance of working. War is ever a God-send to this individual, especially when the Censorship aids the scheme! Let us look at the case of Samoa. Some G.R.I. provisionals are issued,

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Finland, (Russia) with "Opened under Martial Law" label36
France, Red Cross obsolete surcharged issue, 5 stamps62
Ditto, 2nd issue, 5 stamps42
Soldier's letter—a variety from (each) Rare military postmark POSTE BUREAU FRONTIERE38
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and we at home, in our innocence, think they will be very rare: so few are about. We see a copy at a stiff price, but they are rare, so bang goes a Jimmy O'Goblin.

Gradually a little news leaks out, and it transpires that our cherished rarities are so uncommon because Mr. Speculator has "cornered" a nice little bundle!

We await more news, and when it comes—lo and behold—a 1/- SHILLINGS and a SAMOS error have been found. Presently blocks of four, etc., will also be "found."

MORAL: Don't pay fancy prices for these new war provisionals until their full story has been unravelled.

France and "Enemy" Stamps.—Evidently the French Government does not share the views held by our own Home Secretary upon the subject of the importation of "enemy stamps," for not only overprinted "Belgien" stamps, but the Austrian and Hungarian War Relief issues also are being freely offered by Parisian dealers at new issue rates. One franc is the price asked for the full set of German "Belgiens" and 30 or 40 centimes for the pair of Austrians or Hungarians. On the other hand prices for the I.E.F. series range slightly higher than in this country, 10 francs being demanded for the set exclusive of the 1 rupee, which sells for about 6sh in the English market.

Now that the Government and society are returning to Paris, the French stamp trade is rapidly resuming its normal aspect.—Stamp Collecting.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Some weeks ago we announced that the home of Hon. E. R. Ackerman at Plainfield, N. J., had been entered and some \$20,000 worth of jewelry taken. Solely on the evidence of finger-print experts, Charles Connors of Chicago was convicted Dec. 18 at Elizabeth, N. J., for burglary and theft. Finger-marks found in the house were sworn to be identical to those of Connor.

—In our issue of Dec. 19, the Economist Stamp Co. was made to advertise some St. Louis 1904 as imperf. when it should have been mint. The firm will no doubt be flooded with orders and we make this statement so that our readers may know that the announcement in the advertisement was a mistake.

—Clippings are received from D. E. Lantz, Edw. A. Crumb, A. C. Roessler, F. D. Guggenheim, Frank Kocher, Rush B. Johnson, W. T. Lathrop, Brockett R. Bates (3).

—On Dec. 20, Waxahachie, Tex., organized a stamp club which will be known as the Waxahachie Philatelic Society. E. L. Harding is president, Homer R. Hendrix is secretary, and L. R. Sessions treasurer. We are advised that this is the first society of its kind ever formed in that city.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

The Southern Philatelic Association Year Book for 1915 is a very pretentious and bulky document, and one which the Association may well feel proud of. A review copy is at hand from the secretary, C. V. Webb, Perry, O., who will no doubt be willing to furnish a copy to any interested parties. The price is 50c, but free of charge to all members of the Association. In the book is found the proceedings of the annual meeting held at Indianapolis last September, the constitution of the Association, and roll of members. There is a half-tone picture of the delegates to Indianapolis, and twenty-five pages of advertising lends financial strength to the publication.

WAR STAMPS OF THE WORLD.

The story of the part played by the postage stamp in war during the past fifty years is interestingly related in a small volume entitled "Postage Stamps of War," which comes opportunely from the pen of D. B. Armstrong, the well-known philatelic authority. Commencing with the Crimean War, which provides the earliest instance of the use of the adhesive postage stamp in war, he passes in rapid review the special issues associated with the American Civil War, the Franco-German War, the war between Chili and Peru, Arabi Pasha's Rebellion, the first Boer War, Spanish-American War, South Africa 1899-1902, Boxer Rising in China, Russo-Japanese War, Balkan War, etc., etc.

Perhaps the chapter dealing with the war stamps and postmarks of the present European conflict will appeal most to collectors at the moment, all varieties which have appeared to date being enumerated and in most cases illustrated. They include special Red Cross issues from France, Belgium, Russia, Monaco and Morocco, German stamps overprinted "Belgien" and value in centimes for use under the Imperial Governor Generalship, stamps of German Togo overprinted "Anglo-French Occupation," "G. R. I." on former stamps of German New Guinea, Indian stamps overprinted "I. E. F." used by the field post offices attached to the Expeditionary Force in France, together with almost countless varieties of naval and military postmarks, censor marks, etc., forming an unique historical record of the great war of the Nations.

The effect of the war upon the stamp market is fully dealt with in a valuable appendix by W. H. A. Williams, an acknowledged authority on stamp values.

Published at the modest price of 4½d net (5½d post free), by the Holloway Press Co., London, England, in their series of Stamp Collecting Handbooks, well printed and copiously illustrated, this little volume is one that should be in the hands of all who are in any way interested in the fascinating hobby of philately.

STAMPS VERSUS POEMS.

By W. E. IMESON.

I've been re-reading a fascinating article that appeared some time ago on "Where to hunt for rare stamps" (I've been hunting ever since). Its author, Mr. Percy Bishop, writes:—
"I know of an instance of a beautiful block of six unused penny blacks being found in a copy of 'Young's Night Thoughts'."

As the above appears to lend itself to poetic treatment, please hand me the harp:—

Though strange the story, on its truth
Would I make no attacks,
A Bishop would not even tell
White lies of Penny Blacks.
For Young I don't a penny care,
Yet—though it colour lacks—
I'd give a penny for his "Thoughts"
To find six Penny Blacks.

Then again, Bishop Percy—No (I was thinking of the "Reliques of Ancient Poetry"), I mean Percy Bishop, adds, concerning the discovery of some old letter-sheets:—

"A batch of such sheets, each one having a used 'penny black' on the reverse side, was recently found among the effects of a gentleman deceased, and on these was written an epic poem running to some fifty stanzas. The poetry was poor stuff, but the stamps realized nearly three pounds!"

Once again I must strike the lyre:—
Now stanzas fifty odd, you'd think,

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NEWARK, N. J., CLUB OBSERVES CHRISTMAS.

Santa Claus, a Christmas tree and holly gave the members of the Newark Stamp Club an early taste of the holiday spirit. Old Santa distributed philatelic gifts at the club's room, 33 Court street, on Friday evening. Novel contests, in which the need of much geographic, historical and philatelic information was necessary, made the hit of the entertainment and over fifty prizes were given to the winners. Secretary Fuss made most of the arrangements, attending especially to the refreshments, for which the club is noted. Visitors were present from Stapleton, Elizabeth, Plainfield, the Oranges, Glen Ridge, Nutley and Passaic.



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BELGIAN STAMPS HELP THE NEEDY.

A chance to secure a souvenir of the European war and at the same time do something for the Good Fellow charity fund has been made possible through the Reeves Pulley Company. The company recently received 1,200 Belgian postage stamps, from its Belgian agent. The money for these stamps was sent the agent for him to apply on the Belgian relief fund. But the Pulley company has no use for the stamps and has turned them over to the Good Fellows without any cost whatever. These stamps will be sold as souvenirs for five cents each and every five cent piece received from the sale will be turned over to the Good Fellows. The sale of all these stamps will net the Good Fellows \$60.

For some time Edgar Amand, who lived at Mierebehe station, Brussels, Belgium, was the agent of the Reeves Pulley Company in that country. When the war broke out he was pressed into the service of his own country and went to the front. He was wounded and had to quit fighting. By devious ways and after enduring many hardships he secured passage to England and is now in a hospital in Manchester, recovering from his wound.

After the Germans had overrun Belgium they took charge of the postage facilities of the government. Instead of issuing new postage stamps they utilized a regular issue of German stamps by printing across the face of each stamp the inscription—"Belgian 3 Centimes." These stamps thus become in themselves a silent witness of German occupation.

M. Amand secured a large consignment of these stamps and decided to make an effort to sell them in America. He thought that in this manner he could secure some money to be spent in the relief of his fellow countrymen. So 1,200 of them were sent to the Pulley company because M. Amand knew the company and had done business with it in the past.

Officials of the Pulley company thought they might just as well investigate before sending any money so they wrote to their agents in Manchester, England, people with whom they have done business for the past twenty years. The English agents of the local firm, together with some English military officials, visited the Manchester hospital and interviewed M. Amand. They were convinced that his story was true and that he would make proper use of the money. They so advised the Pulley company in a letter which came this week. Consequently the officials of the Pulley company forwarded money for the stamps to M. Amand at Manchester. He will use the money in taking care of the Belgian refugees and in extending relief to those who are in dire need.

And as the local company has turned these stamps over to the Good Fellows without a cent of expense they will continue in their work of poor relief in this country. Each one of them will be sold for a nickel and each nickel will go to the Good Fellow fund.—Columbus, Indiana, *Republican*.

THE SAMOA PROVISIONALS.

At 8.30 A. M. on Sunday, 30th August, a most impressive ceremony took place. It was the hoisting of the British Ensign in Samoa.

When taking possession of the Island, all cash belonging to the Government, also post office money and stamps, were confiscated.

Since 1900 the stamps used in Samoa had on all the different values the same picture, viz., a ship. The stock on hand was, on September 3rd, overprinted with the letters G. R. I. and the value in English currency. The new postal authorities had apparently no idea that by overprinting these stamps they created a philatelic event which seldom occurs. The first issue of this provisional supply consisted of:—

16,000	1/2d on 3pf.
14,000	1/2d on 5pf.
5,900	1d on 10pf.
18,000	2 1/2d on 20pf.
2,000	3d on 25pf.
1,000	4d on 30pf.
1,000	5d on 40pf.
6,000	6d on 50pf.
1,000	9d on 80pf.

100	1 shilling on 1 mark.
100	2 shillings on 2 marks.
400	3 shillings on 3 marks.
400	5 shillings on 5 marks.

The second issue was printed a few days later, and consisted of:—

700	1/2d on 3pf.
700	1/2d on 5pf.
1,100	1d on 10pf.
1,700	2 1/2d on 20pf.
1,800	3d on 25pf.
600	4d on 30pf.
400	5d on 40pf.
700	9d on 80pf.

20	1 shilling on 1 mark.
20	2 shillings on 2 marks.
40	3 shillings on 3 marks.
120	5 shillings on 5 marks.

Two days later the following were given out:—

15	1 shilling on 1 mark.
6	2 shillings on 2 marks.
18	3 shillings on 3 marks.
14	5 shillings on 5 marks.

This makes a total of:—

16,700	1/2d on 3pf.
14,700	1/2d on 5pf.
7,000	1d on 10pf.
19,700	2 1/2d on 20pf.
3,800	3d on 25pf.
1,600	4d on 30pf.
1,400	5d on 40pf.
6,000	6d on 50pf.
1,700	9d on 80pf.

35	1 shilling on 1 mark.
100	1 shilling on 1 mark.
126	2 shillings on 2 marks.
458	3 shillings on 3 marks.
534	5 shillings on 5 marks.

There were also a few stamps of the different values up to 80pf, but not being complete sheets they were destroyed.

Sixty sets of all values, with the exception of the 1 shilling (without "s"), were given to the Admiral on board the flagship "Australia" to be divided amongst the officers of the Australian fleet, and I do not believe that a set has been sent to the Berne Postal Union.

As already stated, the new provisional issue was given over for distribution on September 3rd. To make the quantity last, stamps were sold only to those who really had letters and cards

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to send away by the mail. There was no chance at the beginning to obtain greater quantities for speculation. A few days afterwards the mail left for Australia and New Zealand, the military force occupying Samoa nearly using up the whole lot of the 1d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 9d, 1sh, 2sh, 3sh and 5sh stamps, so that even some philatelists living in the vicinity of Apia were unable to get a set for their own collection at face value. In consequence, there was soon a sort of stamp exchange in Apia. The soldiers had mostly the collectors in hand, and demanded prices out of all proportion to the value.

The last hope of obtaining stamps at face value were the other post offices at different villages around Upolu and Savaii, but to the great regret of collectors it was learned that they had ceased to exist, and that for the present the regular service was suspended.

It was therefore considered high time to get the stamps wanted at the lowest price possible, and in some cases they had to be obtained from the tenth or even twelfth holder. Collectors and non-collectors were greatly excited. Stamps were the only topic of conversation, "shillings" stamps being "the best card," for which prices were paid ranging from £15 to £30 sterling.

I might add that the printing office of the Samoanische Zeitung, where the stamps were overprinted, is under Government control.

On September 29th New Zealand stamps arrived here, overprinted with the word "Samoa." Two denominations, viz., the 1/2d King Edward and the 1d Dominion type have been put on sale. At the same time the public was notified that the first provisionals could be used for postal purposes until further orders. Each sheet of New Zealand overprinted stamps contains 240 stamps. The other values up to 1sh will follow in a few days.

Before finishing this article I should like to say that the first ordinance issued by the postal authorities was dated August 29, and reads as follows:—"The German stamps in mark and pfennig values are from this date out of issue. Letters with the remark 'No stamps available' are accepted until the issue of intermediate stamps."—*Australian Stamp Journal*.

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We have also purchased a number of gilt-edged stamp orders dated not earlier than September 1, which we shall use in increasing our circulation. We shall leave no stone unturned to make this particular issue of the WEEKLY a producer of business.

Our regular advertising rates will prevail, \$57.60 per page, and \$15 per quarter page. How much space can you use?

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Half and Half—An error has been shown us that is of striking character. It is the two cent current stamped envelope, government size 8, with the "U. S. S. E. 1911" watermark, with the governmentally printed inscription in the upper left hand corner: "After 5 days return to Postal Savings System, _____." This envelope with the regular U. S. stamped envelope impression was sent out in a package of twenty-five envelopes of the same kind, doubtless, it having been received with a lot of regulation two cent postal savings bank stamped envelopes. It may be added that the envelope described was received and used for postal savings bank business before the order discontinuing the use of the postal savings bank stamps was issued. It might be interesting to know how the envelope under notice came to be the victim of the misleading circumstances.

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Many Minds—When it comes to the appraisal of anything of a "fancy" nature philatelically, it is perplexing or amusing, according to your view-point; to find how the opinion of experts on the standard things of philately, varies so amazingly. We secured a fine copy of the six kreuzer brown, broken circle, Bavaria, nicely postmarked and canceled on the cover. The stamp catalogue at \$1.25, off the cover, of course. We showed the cover to an experienced philatelist who could value a large collection in the most approved way. "What is such a combination worth?" he was asked. "Easily a dollar; that is, to a cover collector. He should not expect to buy it for less." The second expert, with limitations, said that the cover should bring every bit of catalogue. The third sage of philately was somewhat rapturous in his estimate. "Why, the thing is cheap at double catalogue or more," he averred. Number four advanced the price to a "five dollar bill or even more." The fifth was delirious in his appreciation of the cover's financial possibilities; and we refrain from quoting him, as we do not care to see stamps rise so rapidly in value, even though they happen to be our own.

So—The foregoing recital of a common-place instance is not submitted for its instructive features but to reflect the uncertainty of mind attending any general judgment in a pecuniary way of a stamp that is not in what may be termed standardized condition. Philatelists of ripe experience are not nearly in unison in determining values in a case of the kind; and here, we may say, one of our most trying duties is to attempt to place equitable prices on out-of-the-ordinary specimens that are sent in for examination and appraisal by some of our readers whose faith, at least in our opinion, is flattering. We can always present our idea of the market value of a specimen that is of a character that is not amenable to the rules of philatelic calculation but it must be understood that we, like others, may hit much below or above the bull's-eye.

En Bloc—We are informed that there is in existence a block of fifteen of the four-cent Pan-American inverted center without ever having received the imprint of "Specimen." There is a price attached to this block but we do not care to name it, lest some light-minded reader succumb to the temptation to

utter the artless remark that he did not know that there was so much money on this mundane sphere. We show our respect for the piece by the use of "en bloc." Those who do not care to acquire the foregoing lot may be interested in hearing that there is a block of twenty of the one-cent Pan-American inverted for sale at a price.

The Easy Life—We read recently, a pathetic poem, "The Rural Carrier's Lament," in which "lonely stretches," "sad silences," etc., were judiciously interlarded. Now, his lamentations will be turned into rejoicings as under date of December 21st, 1914, the Washington authorities have decreed that he be given a touch of high-life in the city as "postmasters at second-class offices having both city and rural delivery service are authorized to use rural carriers in the delivery of parcel post mail within the city delivery limits whenever the performance of such duties will not interfere with the regular work of the rural carriers, who are directed to cooperate to the fullest extent with the postmasters in this regard." For an illustration of the rural carrier we direct attention to the four cent parcel post stamp which is in every collection.

Postmarks—The postmaster general rises to remark: "Postmasters shall not use any postmarking stamps but those furnished by the Post Office Department. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit postmasters from purchasing or renting canceling machines from their personal friends' funds, subject to the approval of the Department. Provided, That no allowance shall be made for the purchase or rental of such machines in the event the office becomes entitled to a canceling machine under the rules of the Department."

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Happy New Year—We have received a large number of Christmas and New Year cards as well as other forms of greeting; and we wish to return our appreciation of the kind remembrances of readers. We are pleased, too, to know that some of our "shut-in" friends have been substantially cheered by the gifts of stamps from those of our readers who wrote to us for names; and in this connection, it is to be said that but one new "shut-in" name was received this year.

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If nations obtain the Governments that they deserve, it may be hoped that they do not always deserve their postage-stamps. If that were so, we should be a less deserving nation than we were in the twenty or thirty years which followed the introduction of "adhesive labels" in 1840, when we had some of the finest stamps that have ever been issued. The black penny, the red penny, and, above all, the blue twopenny stamps of 1840 to 1880 have never been surpassed for strength of colour and simplicity of design. When 1880 brought the brick-red penny, and 1881 began a pale procession of lilacs and greens, surely England fell far. When in 1911 the first issue to bear the head of King George saw the light in English post-offices, and was eagerly bought by collectors, who wanted to see what the chosen artist and printers could do for a nation whose King is a philatelist, we possessed what is probably the worst series of stamps ever printed. We are rather better off now, but if the current of our national being is to be judged by the shades of our inks, British blood runs discouragingly thin.

National emblems might be expected to find their way on to postage-stamps, to represent their separate countries among other nations, in postbags at home and abroad, in times of peace and of war. But not all the national animals are on the stamps. The Prussian and Austrian and Russian eagles are in their places, but the Gallic cock does not crow from French envelopes, and the British lion does not roar; indeed, he only made his first appearance on any stamp three years ago, when he was depicted asleep, and, indeed, very nearly dead; now, after his doze, he has been put on the shelf again. The modest retirement of the British lion is the more remarkable in that the stamps of British Dominions, Colonies, and Protectorates make up a gallery of animals almost representative of the fauna of the globe. Canada's first stamp, issued in 1851, shows a beaver; Western Australia began with a black swan, and her swan has swum now for sixty years; New South Wales has chosen to be represented by a lyre-bird, an emu, and a kangaroo; New Zealand has a kiwi; and Tasmania an ornithorhynchus. Tigers bound and growl on the stamps of Pahang and Perak, and elephants march side by side on the issues of the Federated Malay States. Perhaps the most representative series of wild beasts belongs to British North Borneo, which musters bears, alligators, orang-utans, elephants, rhinoceroses, tigers, hornbills, and rusa deer. But a more individual collection is that of Newfoundland, which embraces a cod, a Newfoundland dog, a seal, and an animal which, so far as its natural history is concerned, might be described, like Trinculo's monster, as "no fish, but an islander that hath lately suffered by a thunderbolt." It is a seal, which, instead of flippers, has paws and claws like a big dog. As an effort of philatelic imagination, the portrait of this curious creature is only to be compared with the elephant in the 1912 issue of Sierra Leone. These are stamps of a generous design, which have offered the artist many opportunities. King George's head appears on a medallion at the top of the stamp, and underneath is another medallion showing an elephant trumpeting under a palm tree. The elephant has hocks like a horse.

Here and there history writes itself on postage-stamps plainly enough. Nothing could be simpler or more emphatic than the change from "Repub. Franc." to "Empire Franc." over the head of Napoleon in the French issues of 1852 and 1853, or the change back again in 1870, first with the rough lithographs of Bor-

deaux, and then the fine engravings printed in Paris. Spanish history, in the same way, if it is not easy reading, is on the stamps to be read. Queen Isabella's head disappears from the currency in 1870, to be followed in turn by the head of Liberty, King Amadeus in 1872, Don Carlos in 1873, Justice holding the Scales of the Republic in the same year, and King Alfonso in 1875. The inscription "Impuesto de Guerra" of the war tax stamps of 1873 occurs twenty-five years later, when the enemy was the United States. Stamps of other countries are intentionally reminiscent or commemorative. The Canada stamps of 1908, issued for the tercentenary of Quebec, make an epitome of the history of the city; on the one-cent stamp are Cartier, the discoverer of the St. Lawrence, and Champlain, the founder of the fur trade settlement, whose troops fought Admiral Kirke after his victory over the French Fleet; and on the seven-cent stamp the portrait of Wolfe is side by side with that of Montcalm. Another picturesque commemorative series is the Columbus issue of the United States, and another the Colonization series of Newfoundland, which ranges for subjects from Guy's ship, the 'Endeavour,' to the paper mills of Grand Falls. Such series must begin, of course, with ancient history. Modern history is less deliberately illustrated; it may even set itself in a series by accident. The Serbian issue of 1904 is one of the most remarkable of all. It was intended to commemorate the coronation of King Peter, and to celebrate the centenary of the Karageorgevitch dynasty; and it was issued the year after the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga. King Peter's head and that of his ancestor, Kara George, are shown side by side in a medallion in the centre of the stamp; and almost as soon as the series was issued it was discovered that if the stamp was turned upside down, the chins, moustaches, and noses of the two heads combined to make a ghastly portrait of the murdered King. The country people believed that the death-mask had been placed on the stamp by divine intervention, and the series was withdrawn. The Near East has added other records of battle and sudden death to the issues of the present decade. In 1913 Greece printed a series to commemorate her victories of 1912, and the inscription will doubtless be spelt out by schoolboys of the future as carefully as the more peaceful legend words which the present war has probably made certain will never be placed again on a stamp, since the next games were to be held in Berlin. A less triumphant series than the Greek war stamps is the Russian "charity" issue of 1905. This was an issue of four large stamps marked three, five, seven, and ten kopecks; but the public paid more than the face value for these stamps, the proceeds being devoted to the assistance of the widows and orphans of the troops who fell in the war with Japan.

It might be possible, though it would lead to no conclusive argument, to trace some kind of connexion between the designs of postage-stamps and the national aspirations of the countries which made use of them. British ideals, judged by this standard, would seem to be simple enough, at all events in years gone by, when we were content with a head and a plain statement of value. Can we trace any conflict of ideals between the designs adopted by other nations—between those of France, say, and Germany? France, since the establishment of the Republic in 1870 has been uniformly and consistently pacific. Her issues of 1870-6 show Peace and Commerce joining hands across the inhabited globe. When she changes the design in 1900 it is to a figure of Liberty holding a tablet inscribed "Droits de l'homme."

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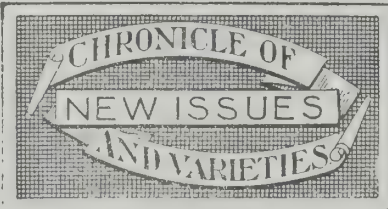
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UNITED STATES.—F. L. Bennett writes to correct an error in last week's item regarding the 20c Proprietary stamp. It should have been placed under the list of those on paper watermarked "U. S. I. R." and not that watermarked "U. S. P. S." Mr. Bennett calls attention to the extreme shades of the Proprietary set, as well as for the Documentary and Wines and Cordials, already mentioned, though in the case of the Proprietary this seems to be due to the quantity of ink used. The "U. S. I. R." paper appears to have a darker grayish tinge, and some values, notably the 5/8c, of which Mr. Bennett submits samples and the 1 7/8c are printed on a paper of a curiously mottled texture when held to the light. Could almost be said to be diagonally laid. The watermark seems to be invariably vertical on the Documentary and Wines and Cordials stamps and horizontal on the Proprietary. The marginal imprint is correctly spelled on the "Five Eighths" cent and "Three and One Eighth" cents, but reads "One Eights" and "Three Eights" on those values. Nicely engraved marginal imprints have thus far been found only on the Proprietary stamps, and not on all values at that. The 1 1/4 Proprietary, like all the Documentary seen, being a single lined free hand scrawl.

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RUSSIA.—We have received through the courtesy of Hugo Griebert & Co. the Charity stamps issued Nov. 26, each stamp having a kopec added to the postal value for the benefit of the widows and orphans. We are unable to translate the inscriptions, except the name of the country and the values. While similar in a general way, the designs of the frames are all different in detail. "Russia" appears in small letters at the top with the postal value in figures in the corners above the vignette. Below the vignette is a Russian inscription, presumably explaining what the stamps are issued for. Across the bottom of each stamp, is a line beginning and ending with the gross or face value, probably explaining the limited use of the stamps. The central vignettes are: 2k, ancient warrior, with helmet, sword and shield, the latter bearing the Russian double eagles; 4k, soldier bidding his wife farewell; 8k, woman and children; 11k, St. George and the Dragon. The stamps are printed on tinted paper,

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It would appear that this new issue, so strangely held up by war, consisted of 10 values—1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 50 cents. The 1, 2, 3 and 30 cents, which are oblong and very much like the Belgian Congo stamps, bear views of the country, and on the 5-cent stamps there is the portrait of a dusky gentleman, probably the president.

There is an unreal alligator upon the 15 cents, or it may be the agama lizard, much magnified, which is remembered upon the same value of the 1906 series.

The 10 cents bears the armorial bearings of the country, strongly resembling the type which appeared in 1886. On the 20 cents there is some fruit-bearing plant, upon the 50 cents a native surf-boat, and upon the 25 cents an animal of the large cat tribe. The whole series is in shape unlike any yet issued by the country, and both in size and design strongly resemble the pictorial Congo issues.—London Clipping.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 15, 1914.

The 326th (regular) meeting of the Society was held at the Club Room this evening with 39 members and friends present. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. C. K. B. Nevin was elected Chairman pro tem.

Mr. A. P. Brown reported that the Society collection had received donations from Pres. Barry and Messrs. Dunning, Stiles, Phelps, Nevin, Clarke, O. Hill and A. P. Brown.

The Library Committee presented the following:

LIBRARY REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Received by donation:—Birmingham Philatelic Society Report for 1914; 100 odd numbers of magazines from T. W. Barry; 208 odd numbers of magazines, auction catalogs and priced lists from A. W. Dunning; 73 odd numbers of magazines from F. H. Burt and Scott's Catalog for 1915 from the New England Stamp Co.

Also the current numbers of the following magazines generously contributed by the publishers:—Mekeel's Weekly, Stamp Journal, Postage Stamp, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Collectors' Monthly, Collectors' Journal and Mitteilungen des Oberelsassischen Philatelisten Clubs.

The applications of Messrs. Waldo Farrar and Aaron Jacobson were posted.

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Nominations for officers for 1915 were made as follows:—Pres., T. W. Barry; Vice-Pres., L. G. Barrett; Sec., F. W. Stiles; Treas., G. C. Russell, Int. Sec., C. S. Hill, Oscar Hill, Council, C. K. B. Nevin, A. P. Brown, W. G. Bail, Dr. L. S. Haggood, C. S. Hill, E. S. Phelps, Oscar Hill.

Mr. A. P. Brown announced that on the next meeting night those remaining in town would assemble at the Bromfield Inn for supper at 6 o'clock.

It was proposed to amend Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution by adding "Vice-President" after "President" and substituting "five" for "six."

Also to amend Article X, Section 1, so that the third sentence shall read: "If elected between May first and November first the member shall make his payment of dues beginning with the January first next following; if between November first and January first with the July first next following."

Also amend By-law 14 by changing the word "collections" to "counterfeit collection."

The Entertainment Committee provided a goodly supply of presents in the nature of jokes, as well as candy and peanuts. Mr. C. H. Fowle undertook the part of Santa Claus though without disguise.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 P. M. C. A. Howes, Sec.

INFORMAL MEETING.

The Informal Meeting will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, January 5th, 1915, at 7.30 o'clock. All interested in trading, buying, selling and sociability generally should come in and have a good time.

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12c lilac unused o. g.	6.00	2.50	1865, 10c green	7.50	2.25	1904, 1/2 green & car. un. o. g.	2.00	1.00	1876 5c on 18c violet	1.50	.60
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90c blue, used	4.00	1.60	1875, 10c black, unused	1.00	.35	1859, 2c rose	1.25	.60	1896 10c on 30c green	.50	.20
1862, 2c black jackson, unused	1.00	.35	1875, 12c rose, unused, o. g.	2.50	.90	1859, 12 1/2 c green	.75	.35	1896 10c on 96c black	.50	.22
5c red brown, used	3.50	1.35	1875, 24c rose, unused, o. g.	2.00	.90	1868, 1/2 c black	.60	.20	1891 Jub. 2c unused o. g.	1.00	.40
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24c lilac grille 9x13 used	6.00	2.20	1879, 50c brown	1.25	.45	1897, Jubilee 20c verm., used	.60	.25	1873, 18s yellow un. o. g.	3.00	1.00
30c orange grille 9x13 used	4.00	1.30	1889, 50c red brown	1.50	.55	1897, Maple Leaf 6c brown	.15	.07	Liberia 1885, 32c blue, unused	1.00	.32
90c blue grille 9x13 used	10.00	4.00	1891, 50c claret	1.00	.40	1897, Maple Leaf 8c orange	.08	.04	1906 \$1 rose and gray	1.25	.55
1899, 1c buff (used 35c), un'd o. g.	1.60	.65	1895, 50c claret	.60	.15	1898 numeral 6c brown	.25	.12	1906 Offic. \$1 green & gray	1.25	.55
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3c green, unused o. g.	2.00	.45	\$10 Mortgage or Probate	1.00	.40	1873, 50c, unused o. g.	1.25	.55	1862, 100R lilac	1.50	.60
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1873, 7c, 12c or 15c, each used	.30	.10	15c "	.50	.20	1898, 3r violet un. o. g.	3.00	1.40	1902, 5R unused o. g.	4.25	2.50
10c brown, un'd o. g.	5.00	1.80	30, 40 or 70c blue & blk., 2d issue, ea.	.75	.35	1898, 10r bistre, un. o. g.	7.50	4.00	Transvaal 1904, £1 violet & gr'n	6.00	1.50
1899, 20c black	.12	.05	\$10.00 black & green, 3rd issue	3.00	1.20	Congo 1886, 20c blue, unused o. g.	.50	.20	10 COLLECTIONS mounted in old Scott's International Albums, running from 1700 to 2000 Varieties, many stamps in each book catalog \$1 to \$5 each. Catalog over \$100.00		
5c Jackson, unused	1.00	.35	\$5.00 black & vermilion	.75	.30	1887, 50c brown, unused o. g.	.50	.20	EACH ALBUM \$10.00.		
30c, used	.75	.30	\$15.00 black & orange	15.00	6.00	1898, 10fr green & blk. un. o. g.	4.00	2.00	2204 different stamps in an International Album, balance of a \$1000 collection. Many stamps catalog up to \$20 each, but slightly damaged, catalogued over \$350, for \$25.00		
50c, used	.60	.32	1898 issue, 1c green, sm. I. R., un'd	.15	.05	Denmark 1870, 48sk. very fine	3.00	1.25	UNUSED COLLECTION mounted in small removable page album, mostly 20th Century, sets, pairs, blocks, all o. g., nearly all British Colonies, Australia, Bermuda, Bahamas, Canada, Cayman, D. W. Indies, Grenada, Leeward, Hawaii, etc. Catalog value over \$500, (face \$105.24) price \$100.		
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Columbus 2.00, unused o. g.	2.25	.80	80c bistre (10 for 45c), used	.15	.05	Newsp. 1907, 5 krona	.75	.25	3000 VARIETIES mounted in 19th Century \$3.00 Album. Catalog over \$300. Price \$25.		
Columbus 3.00, unused o. g.	3.40	1.50	\$30 red, beauties	6.00	2.00	Newsp. 1907, 10 krona	1.50	.40	1000 Diff. STAMPS CATALOGUED \$35 for \$1.95		
Columbus 4.00, unused o. g.	4.40	1.80	\$50 bistre brown	1.50	.55	Dominica 1874, 1p violet, un'd o. g.	1.75	.75	U. S. COINS		
Columbus 5.00, unused o. g.	5.20	2.00	\$1000 green & black	25.00	11.75	1879, 1/2 bistre, unused, o. g.	1.50	.55	Gold \$3 pieces, extra fine, each	4.40	
1908, 50c pale violet, used	.25	.10	\$100 yellow brown & black	6.00	2.40	1883, 2 1/2 red brown, un'd o. g.	5.00	2.00	Gold \$1 pieces, extra fine, each	2.85	
\$1 purple brown	.35	.18	Western Un. Tel. 1878 grey brown	4.00	.90	1883, 6p orange, un'd o. g.	2.50	.90	Gold 1/2 Calif. pieces, extra fine, each	.65	
1911, 50c violet (Franklin)	.25	.08	1881 green	2.50	.65	1903, 5sh un. o. g.	5.00	2.50	Gold 1/2 Calif. pieces, extra fine, each	.40	
Parcel Post 50c carmine	.50	.10	1891-2-3-4, each	.25	.06	Dutch Indies due '82, 75c, un'd o. g.	.60	.25	Silver dollars 1798 or 1799, each	2.80	
" 75c carmine	.39	.10	Postal 1905, blue on cream, rare	2.00	.30	1882, 50c lake	3.00	1.25	Silver 1/2 dollars 1807 to 1814, each	.75	
" 1.00 carmine	.30	.10	1885, complete (4) set	.73	.15	2g 50c green and violet	.75	.25	Silver 1/2 dollars 1818 to 1875, each	.60	
Agriculture 1c yellow, unused o. g.	3.50	1.60	CONFEDERATE STATES.			1892, 12 1/2 c gray	.40	.19	Silver 1/2 Columbian-Isabella, rare	.75	
" 3c "	.50	.20	1861, 5c green	.60	.30	Finland 1866, 5p purple brown	1.25	.45	Silver 1/2 Columbian 1892, rare	.75	
" 10c "	6.00	2.50	1861, 1c blue	1.00	.60	1866, 8p green	.50	.20	U. S. FRACTIONAL CURRENCY 1865-75.		
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" 15c "	3.50	1.50	10c blue, TEN, rare	7.00	3.30	1866, 20p or 40p, each	.25	.12	10c green (Washington)	.18	
" 24c, or 30c, "	5.00	2.40	10c blue, unused	.15	.02	1866, 1 mark yellow brown	6.25	3.10	25c brown (5 busts of Jefferson)	.38	
Executive 1c, "	8.00	3.40	20c green, unused	.40	.18	France 1849, 15c green	4.00	1.65	50c green (5 busts of Washington)	.80	
" 2c, "	8.00	3.40	1c orange, unused	1.00	.45	1849, 40c orange	1.50	.50	5c green (bust of Washington)	.35	
" 3c, "	6.50	2.90	Hawaii 1859, 5c blue, No. 21	16.00	7.00	1849, 1 franc carmine	2.00	.55	5c green (bust of Clark)	.19	
" 6c, (used)	12.00	5.00	1864, 1c violet	.50	.15	1852, 10c pale bistre	2.50	.90	10c green back, bust of Meredith	.18	
" 10c, (used)	8.00	3.75	1864, 2c vermilion	.40	.15	1853, 1 franc lake	6.00	2.25	15c green back, bust of Columbia	.45	
Interior 1c, unused o. g.	.35	.17	1864, 6c green	.60	.20	1863, 5 franc lilac	2.00	.90	25c green back, bust of Walker	.32	
" 2c, "	.10	.04	1864, 18c rose	1.25	.40	Gt. Britain 1862, 9p straw	3.00	1.00	50c green back, bust of Dexter	.65	
" 3c, "	.50	.15	1882, 10c black	1.25	.50	1862, 1sh green	.60	.25	50c green back, bust of Crawford	.65	
" 6c, "	.50	.15	1882, 15c brown	2.50	1.10	1862, 1sh green	.20	.08	Rare Coins Purchased—We pay \$2.00 each for any common date Gold Dollar.		
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" 15c, "	.75	.40	1883, 12c red lilac	2.50	1.10	1867, 2sh blue	.75	.30			
" 24c, "	1.00	.48	1883, 25c violet	3.00	1.20	1867, 5sh rose	2.50	.80			
" 30c, "	1.25	.55	1883, 50c red	7.00	2.95	1872, 1sh green	.50	.15			
" 90c, "	4.00	1.50	1883, \$1.00 rose red	10.00	3.50	1876, 8p orange	1.25	.40			
Justice 1c, "	1.50	.60	1889, 5c bk. blue, unused, o. g.	1.50	.60	1878, 10sh slate	10.00	4.00			
" 3c, "	2.00	.65	1893, 1c purple, o. g.	.20	.07	1883, 5sh rose	.60	.20			
" 12c, "	3.00	1.35	2c brown, o. g.	.30	.10	1883, 10sh ultra	1.50	.55			
" 24c, "	17.00	7.00	6c green, o. g.	.50	.20	1883, £1 brown violet	10				

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Precanceled Stamps.—Shortly after the beginning of the fiscal year the conditions governing the use of precanceled postage stamps on third and fourth class matter and on that of the second class mailed at the transient rate were modified so as to permit the mailing at one time of any number of pieces of matter bearing such stamps regardless of whether the pieces are identical. This change has resulted in greatly extending the use of such stamps, the number of patrons availing themselves of this method of prepaying postage having been increased more than five-fold. The advantages of using precanceled stamps, both to the Government and the mailer, were greatly emphasized during the holiday period when the amount of parcel-post mail was at its highest.

Mailings Without Stamps Affixed.—The postage collected during the year on mailings of third and fourth class matter without stamps affixed amounted to \$6,715,290.59. The method of mailing matter of these classes without stamps affixed and prepaying the postage thereon in money is particularly advantageous to both the mailer and the postal service. The postal service is relieved of canceling stamps on such matter, and this not only effects a considerable saving in the cost of handling, but expedites its dispatch and delivery, as all such matter under the postal regulations is arranged by the sender according to States, counties, cities, etc., thus relieving the postal service from the labor and expense of distributing the matter at the office of mailing. There is also a saving to the Government in the cost of manufacturing and distributing postage stamps. The mailers are relieved from the labor and expense of affixing stamps to the several pieces. For these reasons the method of mailing without stamps affixed, the postage being paid in money, is preferable to the use of precanceled postage stamps.

Applications Received.—The number of applications received for admission of publications to the second class of mail matter, for change in title, frequency of issue, or office of publication, during the fiscal year was 4,649. The number favorably acted on was 4,470, while 179

were denied. During the same period issuance of 4,029 publications having a second-class status was discontinued, leaving 29,148 publications passing in the mails at the second-class rates of postage on June 30, 1914, a net increase of 441 over the previous year. Permits to mail second-class publications at the rates applicable to second-class matter were issued to 309 news agents during the year, and 353 permits were canceled, leaving 2,568 news agents' permits outstanding on June 30, 1914.

Coiled Stamps.—Another very large increase in the demand for coils of 500 and 1,000 stamps each is recorded. The number of coils issued was 1,212,283, an increase of 446,253, or 58 per cent. In 1913 the increase in the number of coils issued was 66 per cent. These coils afford the public an exceedingly convenient form of stamp issue, for affixing by hand as well as by machine, and for use in coin-actuated vending devices which are growing in popularity. The coils are also advantageous to the postal service, being convenient and economical to handle, in that the stamps need not be counted when sold. A widely increased use of coiled stamps would be desirable, and with the use of an improved method of production which has been perfected it is hoped to reduce the present coiling charges of 3 cents per coil of 500 and 6 cents per coil of 1,000, if not eliminate them entirely. This new method prints the stamps in continuous, unjointed strips, instead of in flat sheets which must be cut apart and pasted together as under the old method. Unjointed coils of 2-cent stamps, arranged sideways, were first issued without perforations June 30, 1914; with perforations July 3.

Stamp Books.—The revenue upon the stamp books issued during the year, derived from the 1-cent charged for each book above the value of the stamps contained therein, aggregated \$293,108.50. Cost of manufacture was \$85,211.14, leaving \$207,897.36 to defray cost of distribution.

New Stamp Books.—Two new stamp books were issued during the year, one containing twenty-four 1-cent and twenty-four 2-cent stamps, first issued and

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New Denominations.—Five new denominations of postage stamps have been issued, being necessitated for postage on parcels. They are of the same shape (a rectangle on end) and size (about 7/8 by 23/32 inch) as the other ordinary stamps, series 1911. The 7-cent stamp is black; 9-cent, pink; 12-cent, maroon; 20-cent, light blue; 30-cent, vermilion. All of these denominations were first issued by the department, April 29, 1914, and were placed on sale in the Washington, D. C., post office, April 30.

The 7-cent bears the head of Washington in profile, from Houdon's bust, looking to the left. The border design is the same as that of the first six denominations of the current series.

The 9-cent, 12-cent, 20-cent and 30-cent bear the head of Franklin in profile, from Houdon's bust, looking to the left. These four denominations have the same border design as the current 8-cent to \$1 stamps.

In addition to its use on parcels, the new 12-cent stamp is convenient for prepayment of registration or special-delivery fee with a single rate of letter postage.

New Postal Cards.—The new 1-cent postal card to replace the No. 4 mentioned in the report for 1913 was first issued by the department and placed on sale in the Washington post office, June 4, 1914. It is known as the No. 8 card, and the dimensions are 3/4 and 5/2 inches (the same as the present No. 4 card). The paper is cream in color and is printed in green ink. The subject of the stamp is a profile portrait of Thomas Jefferson looking to the left. The background of the portrait is open and is surrounded with a circular border bearing in capital letters the words "U. S. Postal Card. One Cent." This border rests upon a base containing a curved ribbon in which appears the name "Jefferson," with the numeral "1" within an ellipse on end, on either side. To the left of the stamp in a horizontal line of Gothic capitals is the inscription "This side of card for address" within a frame of plain lines having concave corners.

The No. 8 postal card is issued in sheets of 48 cards each for special printing when desired by purchasers in that form.

Christmas Mailings.—To meet the anticipated heavy increase in the demand for postage stamps for Christmas mailings under the new parcel post law, instructions were published in the December supplement to the 1913 Postal Guide directing postmasters to carefully consider their probable needs and to draw special requisition for any stamps likely to be required in addition to their regular stocks. They were further authorized in emergencies to use postal funds in purchasing stamps from neighboring postmasters. In addition the postmasters at eight centrally located cities were supplied by the department with extra stocks of stamps, specially packed for mailing, which postmasters throughout the country were authorized to draw upon direct if their supplies became so depleted by unexpectedly large holiday demands that they could not await the filling of requisitions by the department. These measures were effective in preventing any embarrassment to the public or the postal service on account of shortage of postage stamps for the unprecedented Christmas mailings.

Stamps for Vera Cruz.—As soon as news was received of the probability of a military expedition to Vera Cruz, Mexico, steps were taken to provide postage stamps, postal cards, and stamped envelopes for the expeditionary forces. Stamps specially packed in paraffin paper to resist the humid atmos-

pheric conditions of the Tropics were sent to the postmaster at Galveston, Tex., which city was made the base of military supplies. When a United States postal agent was appointed at Vera Cruz these stamps were placed at his disposal, being shipped from Galveston upon the postal agent's telegraphic requisition as needed for the use of the Army and Navy.

The suggestion was made that the stamps issued to the postal agency be surcharged "Vera Cruz" or otherwise, to indicate the special service for which they were used. The Postmaster General very properly took the ground, however, that as United States domestic rates and conditions of postage were made to prevail as to mail dispatched from the postal agency at Vera Cruz to the United States, no reason existed for a special stamp issue.

U. S. REVENUES.

By STEVENSON.

After over four years' attention to our postage stamps alone, I recently became interested in some points connected with the revenues. I bought the Toppan, Deats, Holland book on the subject and several other sources of information. I studied the subject somewhat. I found out quite a little about the revenues that was distinctly new to me.

The most important thing (to me) that I discovered was that the reason that the revenues had not before now been more interesting to me was that they were miserably represented by the catalogue and that my lack of interest was due to lack of knowledge. Further, I now believe that this illogical arrangement of the catalogue has had much to do with preventing these stamps from receiving proper attention from collectors.

Here is the situation. The first issue of the adhesives began in September, 1862. It consisted of special titled Documentary stamps, special titled Proprietary stamps, and General Purpose stamps. It is a complete series of stamps and even the catalogue has not tried to depart from Sterling's original method of listing them, except in the details. The following series, described in the catalogue as two separate issues, also consists of Documentary stamps and Proprietary stamps. Every stamp of these two "issues" belongs to but one continuous series of stamps which cannot be divided as in the catalogue without confusion. More especially, the Proprietary sets cannot be detached from the Documentary sets without giving collectors a wrong idea of the series as a whole. Why this illogical division was made cannot be said, unless the attention of collectors was not directed strongly to the Proprietaries and they were thus thrust aside, although the first issue cannot be so divided. This is exactly where my own confusion seems to have arisen in the early 90's when last I had been collecting revenues, mainly from the documents themselves.

For my own purposes, I have re-arranged the revenues in my own quite modest collection, and have, further, worked out a reasonable listing of them which appears simple to me. It has several other advantages besides simplicity.

In the hope that my results may be of assistance to some other collector, I have here tried to re-arrange the fundamental facts so they cannot be easily misunderstood. Much more can be, and has been, written about these stamps. I here present only the most necessary facts, all dug out of course from other sources of information.

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EDITORIAL.

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Nothing Much—A reader asks: "Have you seen the reference to stamp collecting in Harold Bell Wright's 'Eyes of the World'?" In the classic words of Nebraska's great and only stamp sage: "It may help some." Our correspondent is a hopeful soul. We saw the scant recognition but though we have an eye for such things, the words did not burn in our memory. It was a grudging comparison on the order of "like a person collects postage stamps," if we remember well. Evidently, Mr. Wright has not been touched by philately's magic wand, as the poetically minded would say, and been made a devotee at the shrine of Philatelia.

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Started and Stopped—A long time ago, Mr. H. E. Deats, Flemington, New Jersey, made a brave start in compiling from works of fiction, all references to stamps or stamp collecting. However, as the work entailed the necessity of reading somewhat religiously the output of the writers representing all schools from the primary to the finishing, it is not surprising that Mr. Deats' zeal was effectually discouraged. He soon lost affection for his labor of love. He turned over several sheets of the history to us and we trust that he has forgotten all about the subject. O, yes, we know all about Robert Louis Stevenson's philatelic tantrum in his story, "The Wreckers."

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Symbols—We have heard so much about stamp symbolism or the depth of meaning that often is carried by symbols on postage stamps that we cannot refrain from recording that the post office department has a few symbols itself, each one of which has a meaning all its own. We read in the instructions to postmasters for the use of "the new card forms, No. 3201 for postage stamps, postal cards and unprinted stamped envelopes and No. 3202 for special-request or office-request stamped

envelopes" that "On invoices for adhesive stamps the following symbols are used after the denominations: B—for Books of stamps. CS—for Coils of stamps. D—for Due stamps. I—for International reply coupons. P—for Panama commemorative stamps. R—for Registry stamps. S—for Special delivery stamps. Absence of symbol letter indicates ordinary postage stamps in sheets." We can account for the "registry stamps" space in the new order blank on the supposition that stamps of ten cent denomination are meant. "On the invoice for printed stamped envelopes the first number in the description of the envelopes represents the designation of size number, the second number represents the denomination and the third number represents the quality. For example: 5-2-1 stands for No. 5, 2-cent, first quality."

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Jay's Locals—An allusion to Jay's locals by a correspondent recently led us to look through our curiosity hall to behold again the emissions that added so greatly to the gayety of philatelists over a quarter-century ago. Mr. James C. Jay, an enterprising collector and to some extent, dealer, at LaHoyt, Iowa, conceiving about 1887 or 1888 that the renaissance of the United States local was about due uttered three different labels whose characteristics followed these descriptions: Number one—Jay's Dispatch—Paid to the—P. O.—One Cent. Number two—Richwood's Dispatch Paid Stamp to & from P. O., with central design of stock cut of a carrier pigeon. Number three—Richwood's Dispatch. 1 Carrier Stamp 1. Paid to the Post Office. The stamp is triangular in form and in 1888, the selection of a triangle even though slightly lop-sided was something of a triumph in its way and in our enthusiasm over this shape selection we almost neglected to say that the central portrait in this last stamp was that evidently of Mr. Jay himself. We possess one of these triangular locals on the original envelope, postmarked LaHoyt, Iowa, May 1, 1888, bearing the two-cent green regular United States in the upper right corner but in the lower left corner, there is the

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This second series consists of a set of Documentary stamps and a set of Proprietary stamps. There were no special title stamps as in the first issue.

The documentary stamps were first printed with black centers and all with blue frames. The resulting confusion made changes necessary in several values, none in the designs, but in the colors of the frames. The unchanged stamps remained in use with blue frames and are part of this same series, which therefore cannot be intelligently separated into the two issues of the catalogue. They are of this one series.

These changes began in November, 1871, and were made from time to time till March, 1872. Even as altered, the series was not permanent, as changes in the revenue laws dropped all except the 2c from use to date October 1, 1872. This 2c value was retained to the end of this period, October 1, 1875, when the National Bank Note Co. obtained the contract and produced the third series of stamps. During this latter part of the period, the color of the paper for the 2c stamp was changed to green, that of the current proprietary set, to avoid use of two papers.

The Proprietary stamps of this series are also in bi-color. The centers are black while the frames are green. The paper used was at first violet, later changed to green.

The Documentaries of this series are: 1c; 2c; 3c; 4c; 5c; 6c; 10c; 15c; 20c; 25c; 30c; 40c; 50c; 60c; 70c; \$1.00; \$1.30; \$1.50; \$1.60; \$1.90; \$2.00; \$2.50; \$3.00; \$3.50; \$5.00; \$10.00; \$20.00; \$50.00; \$200.00; \$500.00.

The values, the frames of which were changed in color, are: 1c; 2c; 4c; 5c; 6c; 15c; 30c; 40c; 60c; 70c; \$1.00; \$2.00; \$2.50; \$3.00; \$5.00; \$10.00; \$20.00.

The Proprietary values are: 1c; 2c; 3c; 4c; 5c; 6c; 10c; 50c; \$1.00; \$5.00.

As thus arranged, this series becomes a continuous unit, easily understood by any collector. Thus arranged, the specimens illustrate the facts.

The third series was issued October 1, 1875, and was produced by the National Bank Note Co. till October, 1880, when the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began printing the same stamps from the same designs, and to some extent at least, from the same plates. The 10c was not added to the series till 1881 and the series was dropped from use about April, 1883.

This series consists of one Documentary stamp and a set of Proprietary stamps. There are differences in paper and in method of separation which can be handled in a check-list.

The 2c, Documentary shows the Liberty-head.

The Proprietary values are: 1c; 2c; 3c; 4c; 5c; 6c; 10c.

The fourth series consists of but two stamps. The first was for such Playing Card stock as was "On Hand" August, 1894. The other, still in use, covers Playing Cards coming into stock after that date. There are variations in paper and in methods of separation.

The fifth series came into use as a result of the Spanish-American War. It consists of a few temporary Provisionals, issued in June and July, 1898; of a set of Proprietary stamps; and of a set of Documentary stamps with changes and additions to the latter set made in

the following years. All belong to the one series and cannot be logically separated. For convenience, I place the Proprietary set of 1898 ahead of the Documentary set of the same year.

The Provisionals are: 1c on 1c postage stamp; 2c on 2c postage stamp; and \$5.00 on \$5.00 periodical stamp.

The 1898 Proprietary stamps are: 1c; 1/4c; 3/8c; 1c; 1 1/4c; 1 7/8c; 2c; 2 1/2c; 3 3/4c; 4c; 5c.

The 1898 Documentary stamps are: 1c; 1c; 2c; 3c; 4c; 5c; 10c; 25c; 40c; 50c; 80c; \$1.00; \$3.00; \$5.00; \$30.00; \$50.00.

In 1899, there were added to the Documentary stamps: \$100.00; \$500.00; \$1,000.00.

In 1900, changes were made as follows, the old designs being used: \$1.00 to carmine; \$3.00 to lake; and \$50.00 to gray. Also the following were printed in gray in the old designs with an overprint of a simple outline numeral in black: \$1.00; \$2.00; \$3.00; \$5.00; \$10.00.

In 1902, the following, in the old designs, were printed in green with an overprinted ornate numeral in black: \$1.00; \$2.00; \$5.00; \$10.00; \$50.00.

There are many details of interest which can properly be handled only at length. I will not attempt a check-list as yet based on this arrangement, especially as in my short examination into the revenues, I have found several things which need study and several things of interest in the nature of varieties which seem to have been overlooked.—Collectors' Journal.

THE KANSAS CITY SOCIETY.

The Kansas City Philatelic Society, organized a year ago, is in a flourishing condition, with 80 members at present and a campaign under way by which it is hoped to increase the membership to more than 200. The average attendance at meetings this year has been 25 members. The present officers are H. F. Kohr, president; W. C. Michaels, vice president and S. H. Barnes, secretary-treasurer. The annual election will be held at the first meeting in 1915, January 8. The club has been meeting at the Densmore Hotel, but has obtained from the Middy Club, the use of its beautiful quarters on the fourteenth floor of the Commerce Building.

The club meets every two weeks, and regular auctions are held once a month. Dates for the next meetings are January 8, January 22, February 5, February 19, and March 5 and March 19. The next regular auctions will be held January 22, February 19 and March 19. Bids for these auctions are accepted from non-members and catalogues are sent gratis to intending bidders. In the auction held December 18, 65 lots were entered, with a total catalogue value of more than \$250, and lots sold at an average of one-fourth catalogue. The most valuable stamp entered was a 6-cent proprietary, which brought \$20. Informal auctions are held at meetings between the regular auctions.

The Kansas City Philatelic Society charges 50 cents a year dues, but juniors are given the privileges of the society free, and every effort is made to encourage the younger collectors to attend the meetings. Expenses beyond the dues are met from auction fees and gifts. Non-member bidders are charged 5 cents per lot purchased.

Visiting philatelists are always welcomed at the meetings and are extended all of the privileges of the club.

Talks on some philatelic subject are to be regular features of the meetings, a talk being given by some member each month. Arrangements so far made include a talk on the 1-cent of the 1851-1857 issues by W. C. Michaels, "Some experiences of a Country Postmaster," by George Baker, "Stalking the Minor Variety," by H. F. Kohr.

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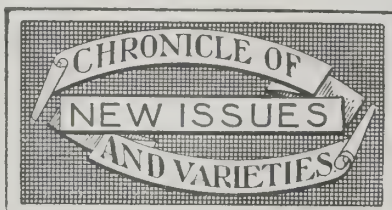
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Subscribers to the WEEKLY who are interested in the collecting of revenues will be pleased to know that Forbin's catalog of the revenue stamps of the world has now been issued and can be obtained from Vahan Mozian, Box 1994, N. Y. City. A particular feature of this catalog is the fact that U. S. revenue stamps are illustrated.

—In a news gleaned recently we made a mistake in regard to a Detroit exhibit. There are two societies in Detroit and it was before the Collectors' Club that Mr. Koslowski exhibited his collection of Russia.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—C. M. Breder calls attention to the fact that many of the current 2c stamps, perforated 10, show a little less of the distinctive carmine or rose shade of the previous issue. It is as though a little vermilion had been mixed with the carmine.

We have been shown by Olaf J. Olson a block of four of the 50c pale violet, head of Franklin, with "U. S. P. S." in single lined capitals. The plate number is 7057.

Edward Stern adds to the list of watermarked stamps in the new revenues the following:

Watermarked "U. S. P. S."—1 1/2c Proprietary; 4c, 25c, 40c Documentary.

Watermarked "U. S. I. R."—3 1/2c Proprietary; 1/2c, 50c, 80c, \$1 Documentary.

John C. Morgan calls attention to surprising differences in the shades of the Panama Pacific 2c stamps, some being clear and sharp while others are muddy and much darker in shade. Such differences have been common enough in recent years, as an examination of any specialist's collection will show. Mr. Morgan also submits a copy of the 2c due of 1895 showing a wide

fold in the paper. This fold became straightened out in the process of gumming so that the two parts of the stamp are 8 to 13 mm. apart. The perforation corners into one of the parts.

AITUTAKI.—The current 1sh King Edward stamp of New Zealand has been overprinted for use in this Colony.

CAMEROONS.—Maury's *Collectionneur* reports that the German stamps of Cameroons have been overprinted "G. R. I." to signify the English occupation.

CEYLON.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 5r King George stamp printed on the provisional surface tinted paper with white back.

DENMARK.—According to the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift Voor Postzegelkunde* notes that the 5 ore post cards and letter cards have been overprinted "S. B." in black, for the correspondence of the mobilized troops.

ERITREA.—Notwithstanding the Director General of Italian Posts informed Whitfield King & Co. that no pictorial stamps of 5c and 10c values had been issued, our French contemporaries report the issue, and Maury's *Collectionneur* illustrates the 5c which shows a native ploughing in the fields.

FRANCE.—*Offices in Morocco*.—All the stamps of the series of 1911 have now appeared with the additional overprint "Protectorat Francais."

INDIA.—I. E. F.—Ewen's *Weekly* says that the Indian stamps surcharged "I. E. F." are unknown with the Indian forces operating in Europe. Covers have been seen which came from the Indian forces serving in British East Africa.

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MEXICO.—J. P. Crawford reports having seen the Monterey surcharge in green on the 5c value. He has also seen the "E. S." surcharged in purple on postage 1c, 3c, 5c and 10c values, and on all postage due stamps.

PENRHYN ISLAND.—The current 1sh vermilion stamp of New Zealand, King Edward, has been overprinted for use in this island.

SPAIN.—*Offices in Morocco*.—L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that the current Spanish stamps have been overprinted "Marruecos" for use in Spanish Morocco. The following table gives the values, the color of the surcharge, and the number thus overprinted:

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A Forty Cent Special. Fifty cent Franklin, one 2c p. p. due and one dollar p. p. for forty cents only. GEORGE LIDEN, 1416 Adams, Minneapolis, Minn. [55]

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Dealers—Will you invest 30c in a proposition to sell albums? No further outlay needed. We do all the rest. You merely take the profits. Ten dealers took this up as a trial. One made his rent on it. Five fell flat. Others made fairly good. See what you can do. Don't send money. Ask for scheme. A. C. ROESSLER, East Orange, N. J.

100 Var. For. Rev., 25c; 500 var., \$1. ARTHUR BERG, Princeton, Ill.

Collection of 6000 must go at large discount. HAROLD SHEAFFER, 244 Reservoir St., Lancaster, Pa.

1000 vars. stamps free, write for particulars. W. PHILLIPS, Lewiston, California.

15c violet; red; 5,000. 20c olive green; red; 3,000. 25c olive; red; 8,000. 30c light-green; red; 2,000. 40c carmine; blue; 1,500. 50c blue green; red; 2,000. 1p carmine; blue; 1,000. 4p lilac; red; 100. 10p orange; blue; 100.

Express Letter Stamps. 20c red; blue; 200.

SWEDEN.—The 5 ore letter card, green on gray, has been issued with "Kortbrev" changed to "Kortbrev."

TUNIS.—The postage due stamps of 5fr value, have been surcharged with 2 value.

Postage Due Adhesive. "2 Francs" on 5fr black on yellow.

TURKEY.—This country has a set of stamps surcharged up to the 10 piastres value with inscription in Turkish, "Abolition of Capitulations." This news reaches us through the courtesy of Felix Cohen. The values surcharged being, 5pa, 10pa, 20pa, 1pi, 2pi, 5pi and 10pi. They were on sale for a few days only.

WAR NEWS AND NOTES.

Danish Service Cards.—Every member of the mobilised forces receives one free card per week. The cards bear the word SOLDATER (Soldiers) above BREV-KORT whilst the card stamp is overprinted SB—"Soldiers postal cards."

Military Free Frank Envelopes.—Ewen's Weekly has been shown some war mark curiosities, we quote our contemporary:

"Capt. S. A. Forbes has kindly sent us some interesting envelopes, issued for the Highland Cyclist Battalion, and informs us that these 'frank cancellations' are used for official letters only sent free.

These envelopes are of small size, and of grey colour. ON HIS MAJESTY SERVICE, is printed across the top. In the place where the stamp should be affixed appears a large violet double circle with the inscription "HIGHLAND CYCLIST BATTALION," and in the lower half circle "SCONE," in the centre figures a large F, below which is placed COMPANY. Across the left-hand corner is stamped Commanding "F" Coy. Highland Cyclist Bn. and the signature of the commanding officer. We have two of these envelopes before us and both are postmarked Leven. On the flap of the envelope are the Royal arms embossed.

The latest envelope appears now without the large double circle, in place of which appears H.C.B. in large violet letters otherwise unaltered. The envelope is postmarked Tayport."

Canadian Postal Corps.—The Canadian Postal Corps now seeing active service for the first time with the Canadian Expeditionary Force quartered on Salisbury Plain was constituted early in the year 1912 to provide for the military postal service of the Canadian Militia at camp and in the field.

It is under the control of the Transport Department with headquarters in Toronto. A detachment serves with each military division, the staff of a base post office comprising 1 Major, 1 Capt. and 1 warrant officer, and of a field post office 1 lieutenant, 1 staff sergeant and 1 warrant officer. Candidates for appointment to a commission in the Canadian Postal Corps must be officers of the Post Office Department of a rank not lower than second division, grade "B."

Regular "Belgiens"?—A Glasgow paper is responsible for the statement that the Germans have issued three labels bearing the portraits of the King and the Queen of the Belgians, with the words "Belgique—Belgie" in addition to the face value.

It is pointed out that these "scraps of paper" have not been issued by the Belgian Postal Administration, and are merely therefore fraudulent bait for collectors.

A letter which arrived in the United States from Germany bore the following inscription rubber-stamped in red—"Received through Department of State in Diplomatic Pouch."

WHOLESALE.

If you buy stamps in small or large quantity better let me send you a selection. We sell stocks and collections on commission. Write us what you have.

E. H. GAMMANS, JR., Room 35, 84 Nassau St., New York City.

GET YOUR STAMPS FREE!

We take pleasure in announcing that hereafter, for every net remittance of 25c or more for stamps purchased from our approvals, we will send FREE with the next selection, stamps of our choice listing 20% of the net remittance.

BILL BLOSS

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ILLINOIS STAMP COMPANY

50% APPROVALS FOR NEW COLLECTORS

2729 Hampden Court, Chicago

Special Bargains

TO

Good Buyers

References please.

G. CANNON, Spartanburg, S. C.

CYPRUS ANNEXED

Below we offer an opportunity to annex some of the 1903 Single wmk. set at bargain prices:

1 piaster	.....\$ .60
2 piaster	..... 1.50
4 piaster	..... 1.25
6 piaster	..... 1.25
9 piaster	..... 2.50
12 piaster	..... .90
18 piaster	..... 2.00
45 piaster	..... 2.50

Complete set ½pi to 45pi \$12.00 All mint perfection.

H. W. DOSCHER & CO., 317 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

WE ARE BREAKING UP A FINE COLLECTION, strong in old Germans and Brit. Col. Write for approvals and prices. [56] ANGLO-AMERICAN POSTAGE STAMP CO. BOX 183, YONKERS, N. Y.

Just a Sample { ALL USED.

Brazil 1899, 700r on 500r, No. 155	..... .25
1906, 1000r vermilion, No. 183	..... .10
Dom. Republic, 1906, ½c No. 164	..... .02
1906, 1c No. 165	..... .02
2c No. 166	..... .02
5c No. 167	..... .04
10c No. 168	..... .06
1907, 1c No. 179	..... .01
2c No. 180	..... .01
5c No. 181	..... .01
Dutch Indies 1899-00, 10c on 10c, No. 31	..... .01
1899-1900, 12½c on 12½c No. 32	..... .03
15c on 15c No. 33	..... .02
20c on 20c No. 34	..... .03
25c on 25c No. 35	..... .03
50c on 50c No. 36	..... .03
1902, 10c slate, No. 46	..... .01
25c violet, No. 50	..... .02
30c orange brown, No. 51	..... .02
50c red brown, No. 52	..... .02

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

STAMPS WE GIVE FREE!

15 Canadian and Ten India stamps all different free to all sending for our new price list. Postage Two Cents Extra, when possible send us the names and addresses of two stamp collectors. Wholesale list for dealers free. We offer these sets, Great Bargains. Cheapest ever offered, no two stamps alike in any set all different. Good condition. Postage Two Cents Extra. Prices are Cheap. All different, in good condition. Agents Wanted 60%

7 Persia	04	40 Japan	05	10 Luxemburg	08
15 Chili	07	100 U. S.	05	10 Newfoundland	09
17 Mexico	09	10 Brazil	05	19 Wurttemberg	08
20 Africa	04	8 Iceland	05	5 Zanzibar	15
20 Asia	04	15 Switz	04	10 Indo-China	15
10 Capes	04	10 Bolivia	07	100 Australia	65
6 China	05	4 St. Lucia	07	100 Br. Colonies	19
10 Tunis	09	1000 Foreign	1-99	50 French	25
25 China	80	200 Foreign	1-99	1000 Mixed	18
50 Italy	19	300 Foreign	25	1000 Hinges	05
5 Cyprus	05	10 Ecuador	07	100 S. America	40
8 Hawaii	19	4 Borneo	10	10 Gold Coast	20
10 Crete	12	10 Peru	04	10 Nicaragua	08
10 Turkey	08	6 Fiji	15	20 New Zealand	10
20 "	07	5 Malta	06	10 Salvador	10
50 "	45	20 Russia	10	50 Australia	09
10 Chili	08	50 Spain	11	10 Queensland	05
4 Congo	05	4 Hayti	05	10 Roumania	05
80 Persia	89	4 Azores	05	25 Bulgaria	19
40 Persia	89	6 Macao	08	25 West Indies	15
10 Ciba	05	50 U. S.	08	50 Canada, 1898	05
50 "	49	600 Foreign	59	6 Mauritius	04

Postage 2c. extra. Remit in Stamps, Bills or Money Order. MARKS STAMP CO. TORONTO, CANADA

The Stamp Collectors' patriotic sale held at Sydney, Australia, on September 26, realised £40 8s 5d for the War Funds. A cheque for above amount has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund, with a request that £5 be sent to the Red Cross, and £5 to the Belgian funds.

The Liverpool Philatelic Society has devoted £20 to help the suffering caused by the war. £10 is for the Liverpool Base Hospital to be established in France, and the remaining £10 to be given to some fund at the discretion of the Committee.—Stamp Collecting.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

TRADE COLUMN ADVERTISING.

The "trade column" or classified advertising columns are designed principally for use by the small advertiser who cannot afford to use the displayed space. The fundamental rules of advertising require that attention be attracted, then the story told as attractively and briefly as possible. Of course, trade column advertising does not permit of the use of screaming headlines to draw the attention of the reader, but the opening of the advertisement should be based on the same rules as outlined for display space. By using a "catchy" opening, the attention of the reader is attracted as he glances over the column. After his attention is drawn, the story should be told as concisely as possible, lest he seek further without reading. Bear in mind in preparing copy that the reader is not going to read every word of the column, any more than you yourself read all the want-ads in the evening paper. He may skim hastily through the column looking for something of interest (as many interesting things are often found there) but unless you can draw his eye and then hold his attention, your efforts are wasted.

In writing trade column advertisements, it is often the aim of the dealer to cram as much matter as possible into as small a space as possible, hence many abbreviations are used, many of which are unintelligible to the average reader. Here is a good example of what not to have in advertising copy: (This adv. actually appeared in a Western paper not long ago.)

C.Z. 40 @ 8c, 44 @ 5c,
Very f. ap. 60% Nice Stk Cf
Lists wtd. Blank Stamp Co.

This copy was intended apparently to reach only those readers who were gifted with ability to solve puzzles. With a little work the reader might make out the facts that certain Canal Zone stamps were offered and that 60% discount approvals were to be had. Just what impression the reader would get from the "Nice Stk Cf," is unknown. Personally, I think it denotes a nice stock of counterfeits, though I am advised that it refers to Confederates. This is the type of ad that the dealer writes while he is eating his lunch, and then wonders why he gets no results from his advertising. Of course, the paper is at fault. The fact that the Company gets \$50.00 worth of business from a \$2.00 ad makes no difference. The dealer does not see how it can be done. The only way it can be done is with the aid of headwork. In writing copy, concentrate your mind on the job, and work out the copy by writing it up on a piece of scratch paper. Then look at it from the reader's point of view. If you still think it is satisfactory and will attract, then see that it is as concise as possible. Rewrite it until all superfluous words are eliminated. At the same time, use care that the fundamental points are not omitted. Don't crowd your copy. You are advertising to get results. Spend a few cents more if necessary, or cut out some of the copy. Don't run so much in a small space that a jumbled mess like the preceding example results. Remember that advertising is one of the most important features of your business and one of the hardest to handle efficiently. These remarks apply to all branches of advertising.

Many of the dealers have gotten good results by writing little one, two or three line ads and running them in different locations in the same issue. This idea is good for the reason that it creates a number of impressions on the mind of the reader where one large ad only creates one. Often more results will be gained from three or four of these little ads than from one large one of the same space.

Really, the best way to learn to write good advertising copy is to study the copy of others. As you read this paper, you will be impressed by certain advertisements. Some will appeal to you, because they are original and "catchy." Some will interest you because of the bargains offered. Some will be ineffective because they have nothing to offer you, or are so poorly written that you will hesitate to patronize a house that cannot make its bid for your favor the way it should be made.

Remember that at all times you are facing competition; so make your advertising distinctive. Put your personality back of it. If you can see your way clear to do it (and as will be explained later, every dealer can do it) give a premium with your goods. Make your line just as different from the other fellow's as you can, and beat his quality or prices or both. Then, pick out all the good points of your line and let the people know about them.

In writing copy, it is a good plan to avoid extravagant phrases, such as, "My books are the finest on earth," or "the only perfect series in America." Every one with the common sense required in collecting stamps will know that you are handing yourself a few bouquets. How do you know that some other dealer has not excelled your line? You do not know, hence you cannot truthfully claim that your books are the finest in the world. Therefore, the reader will put you down for a liar and who wants to do business with a liar?

In writing the above remarks, I note my own advertisement wherein I claim that my books are in the "finest possible condition." This phrase is also quite frequently used, but note the difference. I do not claim that my books are the finest in existence or any such rot. I merely state that the stamps are in the finest condition possible to be secured, and the reader will know that a hundred or a thousand other dealers could, if they chose, offer stamps in as good condition, and that a great many do offer them just that way. In short, I am not trying to impress the reader that I have exclusive rights to all the fine copies on earth, merely that I share them with other dealers.

Also, avoid the use of the first person as much as possible. It is sad to relate, but a great many dealers use their space to tell the public how nice they are and how much better they can serve their customers than the next fellow. Cut out the "I" whenever possible. Instead of saying "I offer you a superb line of approvals, which I have designed to please you," say, "You will be pleased with my new approvals." The world dislikes a person who is gifted as his own publicity agent. The secret of success lies in calling the buyer's attention to the goods without exploiting the remarkable feats accomplished by the dealer in offering the stock. Instead of patting yourself on the back, in print, make the buyer think he is the only spoke in the wheel. He likes to be complimented just as well as you do, and when you compliment him, it will bring you his favor. The little "I" should be relegated to the cannery. Let the customer talk about you, and it will pay you far better.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

X. Y. Z.—Since the Post Office official ruling requires all unused Postal Savings stamps and stationery to be returned to the central office of distribution, with report of quantity used, etc., and forbids the sale or possession of unused stamps or stationery under severe penalty, it is impossible to put a price on these items in unused condition, since the department treats them as stolen property and therefore they cannot legally be sold.

Our Next Sale Will Take Place Monday, January 25th, 1915 IN PHILADELPHIA 19th and 20th Century

Catalogues have been mailed, if you did not receive a copy write for it.

EMPIRE STAMP CO. OF PENNSYLVANIA
Formerly EUGENE KLEIN INCORPORATED
13th and Walnut Sts. EMPIRE BUILDING PHILADELPHIA, PA.

OUR BOOK LIST OF STAMP PUBLICATIONS

We believe that every stamp collector should have a library even though it be but a modest one. No one can properly collect stamps without some books of reference and these we now offer may properly form the nucleus of a philatelic library.

If you desire to secure one of these books without cost, all that is required is a new subscriber, one whose name has never been on our mailing list. Don't try to pull a premium on the name of a former subscriber. Our offer is made to secure names absolutely new to our list and may go to new name or old subscriber securing new name.

Poole's, "German States"

This book is a marvel of thoroughness, completeness and cheapness. It has 106 pages and illustrates and describes the stamps of:—
Baden, Bavaria, Bergedorf, Bremen, Brunswick, Hamburg, Hanover, Oldenburg, Prussia, Saxony, Lubeck, Wurtemberg, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Schleswig-Holstein

This book is timely, fully illustrated and is very cheap. **PRICE 35c**

Given for \$1, with new 2 year name.

Goodwin's, "United States"

No collector of U. S. stamps can afford to be without this book. It lists and describes every U. S. adhesive postage stamp issued from 1847 down to 1914. It deals with the various points of interest in the several issues and makes a compact book of 72 large pages. It is invaluable. **PRICE 50c**

Given for \$1.50 with new 3 year name.

U. S. Stamped Envelopes

1853-1913.
Louis G. Barrett and J. M. Bartels.
This little booklet treats of a difficult subject but the work is cared for by master hands. There are 20 illustrations of watermarks and envelope collecting is made easy. **PRICE 10c**

Given for 25c with new 6 mos. name.

Poole's, "Cook Islands"

A complete history of the stamps of these islands and fully illustrated. **PRICE 25c**

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Dalwigh's, "Gambia"

The stamps of this interesting British Colony are fully written up and illustrated. **PRICE 10c**

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A Penny All the Way

The History of Penny Postage Written By Fred. J. Melville.
Mr. Melville traces in his own clear style the growth of penny postage, illustrating the text with Dockwra's Pamphlet 1681, Mulready envelope and other interesting features. **PRICE 12c**

Given for 25c with new 6 mos. name.

These Twelve Books, List Price \$2.57 for \$2.25 Post Free
MEKEEL-SEVERN-WYLIE CO., BOSTON, MASS.

The envelope you have that has traveled around the world is very interesting and would probably bring a premium from a collector interested in such things, but the actual value of the stamps is not increased for this reason.

H. C. R.—I have never seen the Nicaragua 10 peso pink and black fiscal stamp with error "Postalb" so cannot put a price on it. These typographical errors usually bring from 50c to \$1.50, some lower, and a few higher. This stamp is one of the better class.

The 1c Cordoba on 15c on 35c mountain type of Nicaragua sells for about fifteen cents, and I cannot understand why Scott failed to price it, as the stamp does not appear to be unusually rare.

The five peso blue official surcharged Vale—c0.05 for regular postage is worth about 15c with black surcharge, and will be better very shortly, as the set is getting quite scarce. I believe this stamp exists with red surcharge, and in that condition, is a great rarity.

F. K. G.—Large stocks of recent issues of Costa Rica are coming on the market, cancelled to order, which accounts for the fact that certain stamps are becoming common. The 50c, 1

"The Stamps of Sudan"

A handsome book and an authoritative study of the stamps of Sudan, by D. B. Armstrong. **PRICE 20c**

Given for 50c with new 1 year name.

Poole's, "Beginner's Guide"

Valuable for the advanced collector as well as the beginner. Note the titles of some of the chapters: Design, Color, Paper, Watermark, Perforation, Gum, Engraving, Reprints, Reminders, Fakes, Errors, Proofs, Essays, Postage Due, Official, Parcel Post, Postal Fiscal, Collection Arrangement, Classification, etc. We don't need to say more. 50 large pps. **PRICE 25c**

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"How to Deal in Stamps"

If you can make time and have the inclination this book will give you the particulars of how to deal in stamps and make a pleasurable and profitable occupation.

Authors of the book:
Thorn Smith, Willard O. Wylie, Wash. Grant
Where to buy! What to buy! Where to sell!

The price of this book only **10c**

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Melville's, "Portugal"

The stamps of Portugal by Fred. J. Melville have been put into two volumes, the first dealing with the Cameo issues and the second with the issues from 1880-1911. Beautifully printed and illustrated. Each vol. **20c**

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"Edwardian Stamps"

A dozen different British Colonies are treated in this brochure from the pen of D. B. Armstrong. **PRICE 20c**

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United States Parcel Post U. S. Stamp Booklets U. S. Postal Savings Stamps

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Here are three books in one, all of special interest to every collector of U. S. stamps. **PRICE ONLY 20c**

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No other can stand comparison with the N. P. U. Objectionable points of other books are eradicated. Pages are interchangeable.

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When writing advertisers please say:—
"Saw your advertisement in Mekeel's Weekly."

Colon and 2 Colon, 1907, are very scarce in postally used condition. I have never seen the 2 Colon in that condition.

E. W.—Stamps in the Wines and Cordials current revenue set: ¼, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 24, 40c and \$2.

L. M. S.—While the present demand for the European stamps will probably force the price up on certain of the early issues, I do not believe that the more common varieties will increase in value, as immense stocks are held of most of these. Some will increase slightly, however.

RANDOM OFFERS For Big and Little Purses

UNITED STATES

Eagle Carrier 1851, No. 802 mint gem..	\$.65
1868 10c, 11 x 13, pair used	1.25
Reading Match No. 3249	.15
Eagle Card Co., No. 3588	.50
Inverted Medallions, 2c blue & black, No. 2985, used	15.00
\$1.00 blue and black No. 2942	35.00
Postal Savings, \$1 No. 637, used	.35
Newspaper 12c red No. 1035, mint	1.40
24c red No. 1036, mint	1.20
36c red No. 1037, mint	1.15
84c carmine No. 1039, mint	5.00
96c No. 1040, mint	4.00
\$ 1.92 No. 1043, mint	2.50
\$ 3.00 No. 1044, mint	3.20
\$ 6.00 No. 1045, mint	6.00
\$ 9.00 No. 1046, mint	6.35
\$12.00 No. 1047, mint	7.50
\$24.00 No. 1048, mint	11.70
\$48.00 No. 1049, mint	16.00
\$60.00 No. 1051, mint	19.00

FOREIGN

Iceland 1876, 20a No. 13, mint	.35
Japan 1856, 5s green No. 59, mint	1.20
5s brown No. 60, mint	.40
Lagos 1881, 1sh orange No. 17, mint	.40
Gt. Britain 1909, 7d gray No. 145	.14
New S. Wales 1903, 6d No. 108, mint	.22
1905-6, 1/2d No. 109, mint	.02
1d No. 110, mint	.03
2d No. 111, mint	.06
2 1/2d No. 112, mint	.06
4d No. 113, mint	.10
6d No. 114, mint	.15
8d No. 115, mint	.19
10d No. 117, mint	.30
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We offer you mint sets 1914 (Ceres) type any colony except Angola complete at \$3.60 per set. (15 varieties 1/4c-1E.)	

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FINE UNITED STATES SQ. CUTS - Wide Variety
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ELEGANT XXth CENTURY BRITISH COLONIES
in Superb "Mint Condition"

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GET IN LINE!

Match and Medicine Collectors send us your address.
Our February Sale has a treat for you.

B. L. DREW & CO., 7 Water Street, Boston, Mass. (Established 1885) Room 403

WHOLESALE

Our large special 1915 Wholesale List will be out very shortly. Hundreds of bargains in Sets and Single stamps in small and large quantities. Every dealer should have a copy of this list. Send us your name today, and it will be mailed as soon as issued. [12]

CO-OPERATIVE EXCHANGE
1496 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

U. S. 1867, 2c black, embossed, cat. 20c	.08
U. S. 1873, 12c rose War Dept., cat. 30c	.11
Niger Coast 1892, 5p unused, cat. 60c	.17
Philippines '80, 20c No. 87, un'd, cat. 15c	.04
1891, 25c No. 151 unused, cat. 20c	.06

LEON V. CASS, QUAKERTOWN, PA.

Wholesale Bargains

	Per 100	Per 1000
Philippines 1906-11, 2c	.20	1.50
Philippines 1906-11, 4c	.25	1.80
Philippines 1906-11, 6c	.35	2.50
Cuba 1899, 3c No. 229	.30	

PARAGUAY ERROR.
A fine used copy of No. 130, double surcharge, uncatalogued. What am I offered? This error will be listed in the next catalog.
R. J. WAGNER, FOSTORIA OHIO

WHILE THEY LAST

	Cat. Val.	Net
United States 1893, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 & 10c	.21	.06
Trans. Miss 1898, 1, 2, 4c	.18	.04
1902, 1c to 15c	.16	.05
1908, 1c, 5c & 10c	.65	.22
1912, 8, 10 & 15c, 50 & \$1.	.62	.20
Revs. No. 2968, 2c Lake Pl'y'g Card	.10	.03
Revs. No. 3038, \$3 brown	.12	.04
Costa Rica 1901, 5 colon No. 53	1.00	.30
Costa Rica 1901, 10 colon No. 54	1.50	.50
Canada 1859, 1c rose No. 14	.25	.11

Postage 2c Extra.
McGraw Stamp Co., Elks Temple, DETROIT, MICH.

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for us to convince you of the excellent quality and low prices of the stamps offered in our series of NET PRICED APPROVAL SELECTIONS, unless you try them yourself.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO DO SO.
Reference or a cash deposit required from parties unknown to us. [12]

QUEEN CITY STAMP & COIN CO.
14 Cambridge Bldg., 604 Race St., Cincinnati, O.

I WILL BUY

Russian Locals, Turkish Levants, Crete, Reminders, also large private collections, and dealers' complete stocks, from any part of the world.

WILLIAMS BOOK STORES CO.,
Williams Bldg., 349 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

STAMPS WE GIVE FREE!

15 Canadian and 10 India stamps all different free to all sending for our new price list. Postage Two Cents Extra, when possible send us the names and addresses of two stamp collectors. Wholesale list for dealers free. We offer these sets, Great Bargains. Cheapest ever offered, no two stamps alike in any set all different. Good condition. Postage Two Cents Extra. Prices are Cheap. All different except those marked mixed. Agents Wanted 50c-80c
7 Nyassa 12 40 Japan 05 6 Malay States 10
10 Persia 08 7 Iceland 20 6 St. Vincent 14
8 Samoa 08 8 Senegal 05 10 British Guiana 12
60 Spain 11 4 Grenada 08 10 Costa Rica 08
2 Soudan 05 4 Nigeria 08 10 Guatemala 08
4 Malta 05 5 Cyprus 05 6 Indo-China 05
6 Crete 05 5 Panama 13 6 Hong-Kong 05
7 Siam 15 6 Reunion 05 6 Philippines 04
7 Mascare 10 6 Bosnia 05 25 40
10 Chile 08 10 Brazil 05 10 Jamaica 10
10 Greece 05 20 Denmark 07 15 Argentine 11
40 France 10 25 12 17 Mexico 09
25 Italy 04 20 Portugal 06 17 Trinidad 13
50 14 20 Russia 09 10 Grenada 13
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50 Asia 17 10 Egypt 07 100 U. S. 20
50 Africa 24 10 Finland 05 150 U. S. 90
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Marianna Islands

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Scott's No. 1 - 2c dark blue green, used or unused	\$ 8.00
" " 2 - 3c dark brown " " "	8.00
" " 3 - 5c carmine rose " only	25.00
" " 5 - 8c gray brown " or unused	8.00
" " 6 - 15c slate green " " "	20.00

Only a small number of these stamps were issued and they are exceedingly rare.
1915 PRICE LIST
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Charity stamps that have a connection with the war are worth collecting at this time, especially if they have been available for postage. Already France has issued two Red Cross stamps good for carrying letters, and devotes part of the proceeds from the sale of them to hospital work in the field. The first is a provisional made by overprinting a cross and 5c in red on the current ten centime stamp; the second is a permanent stamp specially designed. The little principality of Monaco has also issued a Red Cross provisional similar to the first French one. All three of these are good for postage. Among the charity stamps not good for postage but identified with the war, are the Austrian "National Defense" stamps, which have been on sale for several years. Although of small value, they make an attractive collection.

Another opportunity, especially for advanced collectors who have plenty of money to spend on stamps, lies in the chance to get the best stamps from European collections at reasonable prices. For years European collectors have persistently gathered the older issues of their own countries, until they have virtually exhausted the stocks of European and American dealers. There is not much doubt but that the war will impoverish many such collectors, and force them to sell their collections. Both during the war and some time afterwards this country will offer the best market for sales.

Nevertheless, during the war and afterward, American collectors ought to continue collecting United States stamps as earnestly as before. Remember that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of European collections with United States stamps among them will be destroyed in the war area; that this destruction will enhance the value of the collections that remain; and that eventually, when the world settles down again and business becomes normal, the market prices of almost all stamps are bound to go up.

Altogether, stamp collectors are at the threshold of the most exciting period in the history of their hobby.
—Youth's Companion.

NEWSPAPER PHILATELY.

The war has greatly stimulated the interest and activities of the philatelists, those gentle-souled acquirers of postage stamps whose highest ecstasy is realized in the discovery of some rare specimen, and for whose pleasure governments from time to time vary the designs of their issues. German stamps, with a heavy black surcharge have taken the place of the old Belgian post. England has introduced a variety, bearing the significant initials "G. R. I." for use in what was once German New Guinea, and Samoa is using New Zealand stamps with its own name printed across the face. All of these are temporary expedients, samples of which will quickly appreciate in value after the war ends. And there will probably be others.—Chicago Post.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—A very striking set of postal labels has been issued by the San Francisco Exposition authorities. We are indebted to H. B. Phillips for a set.

—Elsewhere in this issue will be found the advertisement of a stamp business for sale. We are somewhat acquainted with the property as the business has been developed quite largely by the use of the WEEKLY, and our dealings with its manager have always been very satisfactory. A letter to this office will be forwarded as indicated in the advertisement.

—W. A. Langdon informs us that he has a specimen of the Sonora "E. S." stamp with the overprint sideways. However, we are not at all surprised at this. Applied with a rubber stamp, this surcharge could be applied in any fashion.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Carl O. Swaney (3), Sam T. Vary, Hugo Kuenstler (5).

—On January 1 an agreement went into effect between the United States and the Bahamas extending the 2c postage rate to mail between these two countries. It marks another step in the movement to make effective a 2c rate throughout the western hemisphere. Already Canada, Newfoundland, Mexico and Cuba are included.

—"I have just discovered a double transfer in the 1c 1912, Booklet Pane, with Plate No. 6363 attached. The stamps are perforated 10.

The shift exists on the left stamp, in the center row of the pane, and shows in the bottom of the stamp.

It consists of a line running through the top of the letters 'ENT' of 'CENT.' The 'C' of 'CENT' is decidedly doubled. The numerals each show a line of color at their tops and the line directly below the word 'CENT' is duplicated. Anyone having a booklet pane with this plate number will find that he has a very fine double transfer in this stamp."

GEORGE B. SLOANE.

—At the last regular meeting of the Mountain State Philatelic Society the

following officers were elected:—Godfrey Schirmer, President; John W. Bradbury, Vice President; Robert A. Turner, Corresponding Secretary; C. Gordon Adams, Secretary and Maitland Milliken, Treasurer. Directors Godfrey Schirmer, Charles A. Nast, C. Gordon Adams, Charles Huscher and W. W. Bigler. All for the year 1915.

—The first annual dinner of the Boston Philatelic Exchange Club will be held at 8 P. M., January 28, 1915, at Louis, 15 Fayette Court, Boston. The meeting and dinner will be open to non-members. All philatelists are invited to attend and get acquainted with a live stamp club. The dinner has been arranged for at \$1 per plate not including wine. Please communicate with A. M. Wright, 208 Tyndale St., Roslindale.

—At the annual election of the Suburban Stamp and Curio Club, January 7, 1915, the following officers were re-elected: President, Henry Schuhmacher, Jr.; Vice President, A. M. Wright; Treasurer, E. C. Thompson, and Secretary J. A. Gallant.

Encouraging reports from all officers were read. Total membership, 64. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays in each month at 67 Warren St. at 8 P. M. All collectors welcome.

PRISONERS' MAIL.

Forty special officials are kept busy with the transmission of postal money orders sent to prisoners. One day last week German friends sent 1,153 postal orders (to the aggregate value of 21,820 francs) to prisoners held in France. The same day French friends sent 3,453 postal orders (to the aggregate value of 61,868 francs) to prisoners held in Germany.

At first prisoners' friends were chary of sending money, skeptical as to its eventual destination, but as acknowledgments began to flow back from grateful consignees the business increased enormously.

Yet another section of officials, stationed at Geneva, deals with the transmission of postal parcels. As many as 5,000 a day pass through, bound for prisoners of war in the belligerent countries.

In many directions the Swiss post office is having to exercise considerable initiative nowadays. Every week, almost, the postal situation needs sweeping readjustments. All letters to Roumania, Bulgaria and Turkey hitherto have been sent via Italy and Greece, which has led to considerable delays. Now these mails go, as in peace times, through Austria.

At the moment the Swiss postoffice refuses all mail for German colonies in Africa. There is no one to carry it.

From the beginning of December all mails to Germans and Austrians in China, from Switzerland—which means, to all intents and purposes, Germany's communication with her subjects in China—are to pass through Chicago, the route being Naples, New York, San Francisco and the Chinese native post office at Shanghai.—Chicago Daily News.

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In The Mail—We have seen a number of Cuban stamps of the current issue, two and five centavos, from non-philatelic sources in Cuba, in imperforate condition. A cover just received from Havana by a business house has five of the two centavos all imperforate and all single specimens. We remember having seen the one, two and five centavos of the preceding issue in single imperforate copies on ordinary Cuban mail. In the absence of a pair of imperforates no importance is attached to the imperforate singles but we cannot explain the occurrence of these stamps, granted that they did not emanate from philatelic sources.

They Are Here—Any uncertainty that has been expressed regarding the issue of the five and ten cent, pictorial set of Eritrea, plowman type, must now be removed as we have received an envelope bearing the five and ten of the design "Cultivation of 'Senafe,'" (Alfalfa?) from the colony dated November 27th, 1914.

An Old Timer—Every now and then, a label is found in odd lots of stamps, showing the dial of a clock, without any hands. We have seen conjectures as to the origin of the label and it has even been considered to have some philatelic significance as a sort of local stamp. Recently several sheets of these labels have come into our hands and so that the character of these labels, which come in different colors, may be understood, we quote from an advertisement published forty-six years ago to show that they had no philatelic standing and that none was claimed for them: "Time Posted Label. This is a new, original and very useful little stamp just now becoming popular, and having a large sale. Its object is to show the recipient of a letter just the hour and day the letter was mailed that in case of its non-receipt at the proper time, the blame can be placed on the right party. It very frequently becomes not only an object of great interest but of importance

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Written—From the International Stamp Company, we have received a copy of a manuscript official envelope, Confederate States of America. The envelope, which is formed out of coarse, brown paper, is addressed to a lieutenant-colonel of the 42nd regiment, North Carolina militia at Townesville, North Carolina and is endorsed in the same handwriting at the left top of envelope: "Official Business" and opposite at right: "Adjutant General's Office, Raleigh, N. C." Unfortunately, the envelope had not been through the mails and in consequence, it lacks any postal markings. The printed Official Business envelopes of the Confederate States exist in no small variety; and not a few of them are to be found printed on the three cent, 1857 United States stamped envelope and, more rarely, on the three cent, 1853, U. S. stamped envelope.

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U. S. Below Face—Merely to surprise collectors of this generation, we like to repeat occasionally the information that for some years after the close of the Civil War in 1865, the United States set, 1857-60, was sold by dealers under face value. The demonetization of the set as a consequence of the war threw many of the high values on the market which was slow in absorbing them. As may be imagined the supply of these stamps in the south that was not returned to Washington was considerable and the stamps gradually found their way into the hands of dealers in not a few cases. Within years of easy recollection, the three cent of the issue, in sheets of one hundred were available at prices more or less under face; and as late as 1868, a Boston dealer advertised the set of eight varieties, including the ninety, with a face value of one dollar and seventy-five cents, for one dollar and ten cents.

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All Aboard—We have received a circular from Genoa, Italy, whose envelope bore the special cancellation in three lines: "Esposizione Internazionale—Genova 1914—Igiene-Marina-Colonie." In this connection we are pleased to know that the good boat "Stampalia" exists, as according to the rubber-stamped inscription on the envelope the circular was to be dispatched by steamer (Col Vapore) "Stampalia."

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Good Stuff—The newspapers have taken kindly to the story of the extra-territorial use of the Belgium stamps at Havre, France and some weeks ago we spoke of the appearance of the Belgian stamps with the Havre postmark

and remarked upon the historical suggestions of the combination. The explanation is that a section of the city of Havre has been assigned temporarily to Belgium as its capital or seat of government and among the government houses, there is a branch post office that "is said to be the most interesting in the world just now to stamp collectors." A letter posted in the Belgian boundaries of Havre must bear full postage at the foreign rate even though its destination is a part of Havre aside from that dedicated for the time being to the official needs of Belgium. From the *Brooklyn Eagle*, we take the following interesting and intelligent account of operations at the post office in question:

"It is not due to the fact of a Belgian stamp being used, but the postmark of Havre on the stamp that makes it valuable to the collector. During office hours collectors stand in line waiting a chance to buy a certain issue, consisting of a post card with an embossed stamp, two stamps of 2 centimes and one of 1, making a total value of 2 cents. Having acquired the prize, they stick all the stamps on envelopes addressed to themselves and have them cancelled at the window. But the most valuable collection is one placed on an official envelope marked and signed by the mail censor. It is thus a triple souvenir.

If it were not for the collectors this Belgian office would do a small business. But in view of the stamps canceled for the sake of the postmark it is probably the best paying office of its size in any part of the globe."

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Mail For Captives—We have no doubt but that the story of the mail service in the armies now engaged in the European war will be told in a most thorough way when conditions will admit. The Swiss have organized a postal service as a consequence of the war that while a necessity has its philanthropic side. Bern is the clearing-house of letters for prisoners of all the nations engaged in hostilities. The wonderful development of the system is to be realized when it is said that on a single day recently, 130,000 prisoner-of-war letters were received at Bern. According to the *Chicago News*, "Another day the Swiss post office sent along 104,345 prisoners' letters, 54,755 to France, 45,665 to Germany and the rest to England and Russia.

The gymnasium of a local 'gymnase' has been set apart for the staff examining this mass of mail. Part of the work is the burning of all picture postal cards supposed to be offensive to the nation in whose keeping are the addressees."

THE AREQUIPA PROVISIONALS.

BY AL DE LA TORRE BUENO.

In your "Answers to Correspondents" in No. 1251, you refer, in Answer to "O. J. R.," to Peruvian Surcharges. If reference is made to the provisional issues of Arequipa, etc., I would say that practically all these surcharges were

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In your reply to "T. P. S." you refer to Cuban stamps surcharged "October." I do not recall offhand any Cuban stamp surcharged thus, but your statement that the *u* in October is caused by broken type is incorrect as October is spelled *Octubre* in Spanish, which is the language in which a Cuban stamp would naturally be surcharged.

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By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The response of India to the call of Empire has been one of the most impressive factors in the great war. It is not necessary here to write of the great achievements of the Indian troops in the forefront of the battle, but I may profitably call the attention of collectors to the splendidly-equipped postal organization of the Indian Expeditionary Force, which is already represented in a distinctive way in our albums. As far back as the Abyssinian campaign of 1867-68 the Indian Army had its postal arrangement for the troops; but the establishment of its special Army Postal Service dates from the Afghan War, when train, mail cart, and horse routes were set up by the Indian Post Office between Peshawar, Jallalabad, Kabul, and Jhelum.

INDIAN ARMY POST OFFICE.

The system of the Indian Army Postal Service is similar to the British Army system, but it is rendered more interesting to the collector by reason of the issue in modern campaigns of special postage stamps. A base office is established at each military base, working as a head office communicating with India and with the field. Field post offices of first and second class are attached to brigades, divisional troops, and divisional headquarters, and these fly a distinguishing flag by day and display a distinctive lamp by night. Officers and men attached to the postal corps bear the word "Post" on their shoulder-straps. Indian postage stamps including postcards and embossed envelopes, are stocked, and a six months' supply is sent out with the force, it being the duty of the base office to see that the field post-offices maintain a constant and sufficient supply.

CHINA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

The first issue of special stamps for Indian troops was sent out with the troops despatched to assist contingents from other Powers in guarding the Legations during the Boxer troubles in China in 1900. They were the current Indian stamps (portrait of Queen Victoria), overprinted C. E. F. (China Expeditionary Force). On reaching China the base post-office was established at Hong Kong, but owing to difficulties with the British post-office there it was temporarily shifted to Wei-hai-wei. The latter place did not prove a convenient base, and arrangements were concluded to return to Hong Kong. A large number of field post-offices were established at many points, sometimes lodged in a couple of khaki tents, but often during that campaign in more substantial quarters, and even in the Temple of Heaven at Peking.

As India has maintained troops in China ever since, the successive issues of the King Edward and King George reigns have been supplied to those troops with the overprint "C. E. F.," which effectually prevents the wily Chinaman from taking advantage of currency variations.

INDIAN STAMPS FOR EUROPE.

When occasion arose for sending an Expeditionary Force to Europe, and, incidentally, other forces to Egypt and the Persian Gulf, the "China Expeditionary

Force" stamps were not appropriate to the new expeditions, and those forces have been supplied with Indian postage stamps of the current Georgian type, overprinted "I. E. F." (Indian Expeditionary Force). These are now being used in France and elsewhere by the Indian troops engaged in the present war. The first instalment of the supplies included ten denominations of adhesive stamps from the 3 pies to the 1 rupee, in the following quantities:

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4 annas, olive,	51,200
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1 rupee, green and brown,	9,600

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THE USE OF THE STAMPS.

There has been some doubt expressed as to the actual use of these stamps in France, but Mr. W. T. Wilson and other correspondents have shown me copies actually used at the base office or in field post-offices with the Indian Army on the Continent in November, with postmarks of the distinctive barred circular type familiar to collectors of Indian Army stamps and cancellations. The doubts arose from the fact that most letters and postcards come through to England free of postage, a limited privilege of free postage being enjoyed by the Indian and other British troops. The Indian troops may send postcards and unregistered letters free to the United Kingdom, to any address in France, or to India but in sending registered letters or parcels they have to pay postage, as also in the case of any letters or postcards to neutral foreign States.

A BELGIAN WAR CURIOSITY.

The use of Indian stamps in Europe is only one of many novel results of the great upheaval. The same or similar stamps are also probably being used in Africa, and wherever there are Indian forces opposed to the enemies of the Allies. Another curious postal anomaly has arisen through the establishment of the seat of the Belgian Government in France at Havre. There is a special post-office for the use of the Belgians, using a circular postmark, reading, "Le Havre (Special), Seine Infre.," and the date. The headquarters and habitations of the Belgian Government are reckoned part of Belgium, and while the Belgians may send letters to their different addresses in Havre, or to Belgium, for the unit rate of 10 centimes (1d), letters for France, even for another part of Havre are treated as foreign letters, and require to be paid for at the 25 centimes (2 1/2d) rate.—London Telegraph.

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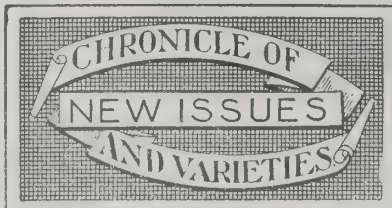
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GREECE.—Whitfield King & Co. report the current 251 stamp coming in lithographed form.

Following on the annexation by Greece the current Greek stamps, 1 to 50 lepta have been overprinted with Greek words and date, "1914," for use in the town of Chimara, Albania.

LUXEMBURG.—In spite of the German occupation of Luxemburg, the stamps of the Duchy continue to be used. The latest additions to the series with portrait of Grand Duchess Adelaide have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co., and are listed below:

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35c dark blue.
37 1/2c black brown.

40c orange.
50c greenish black.
62 1/2c dark green.
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MEXICO.—C. B. Waite writes as follows regarding some of the Mexican provisionals. These stamps made to signalize "the coming into authority of the Constitutional Government were mostly made on the arrival of Carranza to any town. However, the Army of the N. W. carried a stamp with them (E. C. Transitorio) which was placed on all stamps found in offices captured by them and which means 'Ejercito Constitucionalista Transitorio.' i. e., 'Constitutionalist Army in transit.' These surcharges are very rare as they were only used for a few days while the army stayed in that town. I have in my possession twelve different hand stamped surcharges used in different places at that time.

"A new issue has just been gotten out using the head of Madero as a center in the former Constitucionalista issue, sometimes called the Denver issue. They are in 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20c denominations, not on sale yet, however. There has been printed only an issue of 4,700,000 of these stamps."

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THE "E. S." SONORAS.

By C. H. MEKEEL.

We notice that you chronicle Mexican Federal stamps overprinted in purple with a monogram "E S", the initials standing for "ESTADO SONORA". The stamps bearing this overprint are being sent out by Francisco O. y. Roeha, a fugitive postmaster of Mexico, now located at Nogales, Arizona, engaged in perpetrating frauds on stamp dealers and collectors.

I received overprints of this kind, submitted by this party, and communicated with a gentleman recommended by the First National Bank of Nogales, Arizona, who gives me information through a reputable Mexican attorney to the effect that such stamps are not issued by the State of Sonora and are not in use there. This is further confirmed by communications from various correspondents in the State of Sonora whom we have addressed for information on the subject.

While of course this is not conclusive proof, it is a pretty good indication that you should proceed with caution in recommending these stamps to your readers, as they are likely to be defrauded.

ADLETS.

This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell, or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world.

RATE.—20c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for \$7.50, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the widespread scattering of approval selections.

6000 var. at 66 2/3% disc. J. L. WOLFF, 717 Maryland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf]

Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf]

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U. S. Precancels: 100 var. 20c; 150 var. 40c; 200 var. \$1.00; 250 var. \$1.75; 300 var. \$3.50; 350 var. \$5.00; 400 var. \$6.50. J. D. HUBEL, 1305 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich. [tf]

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Only a few left of the 225 diff. U. S. at \$1. 1000 mixed U. S. or Foreign 10c. 100 diff. postmarks 2x4, 20c. I. X. L. STAMP CO., Absecon, N. J. [tf]

If you like to receive clean attractive approvals with bargains on them send today for mine. You can fill scores of spaces in that album of yours at a small cost. H. W. LITEN, Rock Island, Ill. [tf]

Net apprs.; stamp cat. 20c free to all appl. Ref. req. Henry H. Voss, Fall Creek, Wis. [tf]

Wholesale only. Lists Free. HOME STAMP CO., 3524 Frederick Ave., Baltimore, Md. [tf]

Don't hesitate to send want list and as much money as you can spare. Fine bargain for you. Also packets at \$1.00 each. SILAS CHAPMAN, JR., Hartford, Conn. [tf]

Wendt's Approvals please as stamps are clean and arranged by countries. No trash offered. Discount is big. All orders receive my personal attention. Auction list free. Reference! HENRY WENDT, Manilla, Iowa. [tf]

Mexico Slaughtered. Nos. 372, 373, 374, 375, 380, 347, 348, 350, for 20c postpaid. Nos. 351, 373, 374, 375, 380 on cover, for 50c postpaid. All issues and values, on and off cover at reduced prices. All guaranteed genuine. Send for lot on approval. ROBINSON STAMP & COIN CO., 4623 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Ill. [55*]

U. S. P. P. Dues, 1c and 5c, both, .07
Brazil 1906, 1000R, fine, .06
125 Diff. for post. from China, Chile, etc., .10
W. W. DAYTON, Nashotah, Wis. [tf]

Are you interested? Am closing out my stock of duplicates. Will sell or exchange. DON J. GROUT, Waterbury, Vt.

60 diff. Cent. & So. Am. stamps at .50; Dealers' mixt. of 100, cat. from 2c to 5c each, 50c. CHAS. WILLSON, Hopedale, O.

Free! Norway Jubilee. A set given new applicants for approvals at 60% discount. Reference required. J. V. DOYLE, 35 Maltby Place, New Haven, Conn.

Papua, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 20, 28, 29, 30, 33 to 36, 38, 39, 41 to 47, 51, 52, 53, 55. Br. Sol. Is. 8 to 14, very fine, used. Half Scott, 1/4 Gibbons'. Still selling fine 19th Century and most 20th at 80 to 66% off Scott. Approvals. Want lists. LACEBY, 129 W. 47, N. Y. C.

Wanted: Odd lots of stamps cat. 2c and up. Must be cheap. PROHASKA, 121 Hutton, Jersey City, N. J. [tf]

Free packet with 75% approvals. C. S. HUDSON, 18 Lawton Ave., Auburn, N. Y.

Philatelic literature for sale or exchange. Also U. S. Revenue stamped paper, Tin Foils, Beer and Tobacco stamps. Civil War envelopes desired. ROBERT F. CHAMBERS, 195 Thayer St., Providence, R. I.

British Stamps, King George, King Edward, also Controls, etc., List free. NISSEN & CO., 63 High Holborn, London, Eng. [56*]

Egyptian—Soudan stamps have been my specialty for 10 years. If your collection lacks any of these, write me for approvals of fine selected copies. Enclose 10c for registration and cover will be franked with 5 diff. "Camels" all lightly canceled. Ref. necessary. V. RAINFORD (S.P.A.1310) Box 4, Atbara, Soudan, Egypt. [61*]

7800 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

Wake Up! To the Advantages of Buying from my net priced selections. Bargains galore. Get busy! ROBERTS SCYPS, Quakertown, Pa., U. S. A. Member A. P. S., S. P. A., J. P. S., P. S. C., etc. [tf]

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U. S. P. P. 75 cents, same as above, .45
Guam 1 cent, unused, guaranteed genuine, .20
U. S. 1912, 50 cent & \$1., fine condition, .27
Angola 1881, 50 reis, cat. 15 cents, .05
Portuguese India 1886, 4 tanga, cat. 50c, .20
Send for my medium priced approval sheets. Fine stamps strong in 20th Cent. Ref. ROBT. G. STAEDE, 141 E. 51 St., Minneapolis, Minn. [57*]

This is the cheapest stamp advertising in the world. 20c per line. Try it.

China 1898, 30c, No. 70, used, .05
China 1909, Jubilee Issue, 2, 3, 7c, per set, .15
China 1913, \$1, No. 191, used, .15
All fine copies. Postage extra. HAROLD GREEN, Center Street, Bangor, Maine. [tf]

A Forty Cent Special. Fifty cent Franklin, one 2c p. p. due and one dollar p. p. for forty cents only. GEORGE LIDEN, 1416 Adams, Minneapolis, Minn. [55]

Exchange wanted with all collectors of State revenues and U. S. beer stamps, also unpunched Canada revenues. Do not send any common New York. Kenyon's State revenue album for sale or exchange. FRANK L. APPEGATE, Box 571, Klamath Falls, Oregon. [5cowl]

"Hoosier" Blank Approval Books, 7 colors of covers: 10-60's, 15c; 25-60's, 30c; 8-100's, 15c; 25-100's, 40c; postpaid. B. G. Bushnell, 2710 Indianapolis Av., Indianapolis, Ind. [49.51,3,5]

A dollar's worth of stamps (your own selection) Free to beginners who send a ref. with their request for my approvals, 50 to 75% discount off catalog. ALBERT RICHTER, 1104 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. [53cowl63*]

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125 different South and Central American stamps 50 cents postpaid. Satisfaction or money returned. A. MAYER, P. O. Box 1143, New York City.

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If you haven't answered my adv. yet, why not now? I will send you some good stamps on approval, with return postage. W. F. FERGUSON, 280-4th Av., New York. [tf]

Collection for sale cheap! One of my customers wishes to sell his 2700 var. col. mounted in a New Junior album. Contains Canada practically comp. First \$15.00 gets it. R. ELMER, 38 Falmouth St., Boston, Mass. *

Cuba No. 238 cat. 40c, Free if you try our app. Ref. Starr Stamp Co., Waxahachie, Tex. [56]

100 different, including Argentine, China, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Soudan, U. S. old issues, no trash, cat. nearly \$2.00, only 15c. Money back if not satisfied. F. WAGENVOORD, 609 Maple, Lansing, Mich.

Wish to exchange with collectors only, XIXth and XXth Cent. stamps for XXth Cent. additions to my col. F. O. MERRILL, St. Albans, Vt. [57]

Salvador Specials, all unused and fine: 336 to 348, 45; 349 to 351, .08
378 to 390, 45; 574 to 580, .22
751 to 760, 55; 781 to 792, .45
JOHN M. LONG, 67 Pub. Sq., Watertown, N.Y. [tf]

New Issues S. & C. America, Used. Argentina 1912-14, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 12c, .05
Brazil 1906, 400, 500, 600 and 1000r, .18
Brazil Off'l 1910, 10-1000r, incl., .22
Chile 1911, 1c to 1 peso (except 12c), .30
Chile 1912, 2, 4, 8, 10 and 40c, .06
Col. Rep. Nos. 349 to 352, & 361 to 364, .06
Costa Rica 1910, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 & 25c, .10
Cuba 1907, 50c gray blue and black, .08
Cuba Map, 1, 2, 5 and 10c, .03
Cuba Centenary, 5c mint, just out, .08
Cuba Aero, mint, 14, L. L. ALBRIGHT CO., 218 Reynolds St., Rochester, N. Y.

Precancelled U. S. postage and present issue proprietary stamps wanted for cash or exchange. ROBT. WEBER, Galetton, Pa. [tf]

The Boston Philatelic Society.

THEO. W. BARRY, Pres.; LOUIS G. BARRETT, Vice-Pres.; C. A. HOWES, Sec., 55 Kilby St., Boston; CHAS. S. HILL, Foreign Sec., 67 Milk St., Boston; G. CARLTON RUSSELL, Treas., 88 Wellesley Park, Dorchester, Mass.; J. H. LYONS, Supt. Auctions; HENRY A. KIDDER, Supt. Sales; A. W. DUNNING, Supt. Bourse.

Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 730 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 16, 1915.

The 328th (regular) and Annual Meeting of the Society will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, January 19th, at 7.30 o'clock.

The annual election takes place at this meeting and the following nominations have already been made:—Pres., T. W. Barry; Vice-Pres., L. G. Barrett; Sec., F. W. Stiles; For. Sec., C. S. Hill, Oscar Hill; Treas., G. C. Russell; Council, C. K. B. Nevin, A. P. Brown, W. G. Bail, Dr. L. S. Hapgood, C. S. Hill, E. S. Phelps, Oscar Hill.

The following amendments were proposed: Art. III, Sec. 2, add "Vice-President" after "President" and substitute "five" for "six." Also Art. X, Sec. 1, so that third sentence shall read: "If elected between May first and November first the member shall make his payment of dues beginning with the January first next following; if between November first and January first, with the July first next following." Also amend By-law 14 by changing the word "collections" to "counterfeit collection."

The applications of Messrs. Waldo Farrar and Aaron Jacobson will be acted upon.

For entertainment we expect Dr. Carroll Chase with his wonderful specialized collection of the U. S. 1847 issue, which is an "eye-opener." Mr. Albert H. Hall will also give us a talk on British West Indies which will be well worth hearing. Come and bring any eligible friend. C. A. HOWES, Sec.

IMPORTANT!

Those remaining in town on meeting night will assemble at the Bromfield Inn for supper at 6 o'clock.

LINES TO THE 3c GREEN.

We are desirous of locating a little poem dealing with the 3c green U. S. It appeared either in the columns of the WEEKLY or some other American stamp paper within the past three or four months. We have not yet indexed the WEEKLY for 1914 and if any of our subscribers have a better memory in this direction than we have, we shall gladly acknowledge the same and express our thanks in a later issue of the WEEKLY.

One-tenth catalogue. Damaged rarities and scarce space fillers. Or I will exchange making big allowances. Will take common in quantity. Have just been selling N. Z. 134 o. g. at 12 cents. Scott supplement now quotes \$1 saying it has sold for \$10.00 in N. Z. LACEBY, 129 W. 47, N. Y.

Norway Jub. 1914, 5c, 10c, 20c, fine copies, 10
Panama No. 18, 12, 20, maps unused cat. \$1.25, .20
Sirmoor (India) No. 67, Cat. \$2.50, .25
Postage extra. Send at once for my app. books. THEODORE A. ABBOTT, 50 Center St., Bangor, Me. [tf]

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1890, 90c strip of 3, mint.....	\$6.00	\$4.00
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Parcel Post 50, 75, \$1.00.....	2.25	1.00
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Due 2c block of 4.....	.20	
Due 5c block of 4.....	.40	
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1852, 12p "Specimen".....	7.50	
1857, 15p.....	5.00	2.25
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1859, 1, 5, 10.....	1.35	.65
1859, 2c.....	1.50	.75
1859, 12 1/2c.....	.75	.35
1859, 17c.....	1.50	.75
1868, 13, 1, 2, 3, 6, 15.....	2.50	1.10
1868, 3c watermarked.....	1.50	.80
75 U. S. and Canada, big value, all diff. 1.00		

Send want list. C. H. HOLDEN, 14 Brainard St., Detroit, Mich.

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Below we offer an opportunity to annex some of the 1903 Single wmk. set at bargain prices:

1 piaster.....	\$.60
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All mint perfection. H. W. DOSCHER & CO., 317 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

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ACCOUNTS FOR SALE

The following accounts are offered for sale. They represent bills contracted for advertising in the WEEKLY and we have been unable to collect the same. They will be sold to the highest bidder.

P. G. Beals, Lynn, Mass.,	\$33.70
F. H. Ewald, Coatesville, Pa.,	4.00
F. R. Ginn, London, Eng.,	35.73

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We have been in the game a long while (nearly 30 years) always buying but seldom selling.

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WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

USING THE PREMIUM TO ATTRACT TRADE.

Since it is necessary to appeal to the customer in order to sell to him, the dealer who uses the most attractive line of appeal will get the business. Human nature the world over, from the beginning of time, is attracted by "something for nothing" or presents. In the early days, if a traveler wished to secure safety and the favor of a monarch through whose territory he was passing, he sent him gifts. To-day the merchant desires the favor of the customer, so he sends him gifts. It is his way of saying, "I appreciate your business. You make me successful. Therefore to show you that I appreciate your favor, I give you this little gift." Go into the corner grocery. The grocer offers you two lines of starch. With one you get a souvenir spoon, and the other offers you nothing. Which will you buy? Really, now, don't you prefer to walk a half block farther and buy your cigars (or candy, if you don't smoke) from a dealer who offers you a coupon? The cigars are the same in both stores. Are you any different from your customer?

I have been asked by dealers why the premium is a success. It costs money to give premiums away. No apparent results are seen for the money invested. However, it is a well-proven fact that business increases when premiums are added, so the results are there. Like much advertising, premiums must be charged to indirect results. The American Tobacco Company, Proctor and Gamble, United Cigar Stores Company, and a host of other concerns guided by bigger financiers than the largest stamp company can boast of, have worked out the problem, and they find that it pays. If you were buying from approvals, wouldn't you buy from the man who offered you the same stamps at the same price as the other man, and throw in another set of stamps. You will say that the cost of the premium must come out of your profit. It does. The sales it brings enables you to sell so many more stamps that the price of the premium can be well afforded.

Now, Mr. Man who says that "I spend enough money on advertising. I can't afford a premium." What kind of advertising are you spending it on? Why not spend some of it on the premium for advertising? Pretty soon you will find yourself able to spend more money on space advertising to advertise the premium.

Of course, in order to work a premium system successfully, it is necessary to make all advertising cooperate with it. If possible, it should be well advertised by space advertising in the leading channels. Make it known that you give premiums with your goods.

In giving premiums, the different concerns have found it advisable not to give a premium in the line they are selling. However, the stamp dealer has a narrower field to choose from. He might give hinges, or small stock books, or catalogues, or tongs, or accessories away in place of stamps. Stamps themselves make excellent premiums, but care should be used to see that they do not conflict with stamps offered. That is, don't give a man what you are apt to sell him. Set aside a certain line for premiums and confine yourself to that line. Don't take them from your general stock.

A feature generally overlooked by the stamp houses is one of continuous giving of premiums. Out of a hundred dealers who will pay the customer to try their first lot, not two will pay him to continue his business with them. Result: He moves around from house to house until he benefits no dealer. Consider that the first lot must bear the expense of indexing, investigating, opening account, beside usual expenses. The profit lies in continued sales. Why not pay him to continue his purchases?

Let this be an example of the possibility of giving premiums:

A sends out a sheet selling at 25c, with premium, as follows	
Selling price of sheet	.250
Cost of sheet	.076
Cost of premium	.020
Cost of postage, etc.	.030
	— .126

Profit .124

The profit of 12.4c is certainly large enough to reimburse any dealer for his labor, investment, advertising, losses, and running expense. Allowing 20% net for these latter items (which is more than enough) the dealer can take out 20% for profit, and still have 2.4c left. Why not use this for a reward to the customer for his courtesy in spending his money with you? With that amount, you could offer him a stamp listing 15c. Certainly, after receiving such a present, he would feel kindly disposed to you, and would not only give you his business, but would pass the word around among his friends. Wouldn't this pay you? However, the above amount is more than necessary. The writer considers a premium listing 20% of the net amount sufficient to give for remittances. In his past experience, he has found this system a good business getter and keeper (the more important of the two).

In giving a premium, give something worth while. Don't be stingy. Get a really good stamp or set, different from the other fellow's premium, and something that you would be attracted by yourself. Don't economize by giving away the contents of your damaged box. Give them something that will be appreciated, or else don't give anything. Bear in mind that the better the premium, the better the results.

The following are some good premiums to use to attract trade:

- 5 unused South American stamps (cost about 2c a set).
- 5 unused picture stamps (very successful).
- 10 Animal stamps.
- 63 good foreign stamps (odd number for distinction).

Stamp cataloguing 25c (can be had for 3c each).

In offering premiums like the above, do not ask the customer to send 2c for postage. Remember that he can buy many of these premiums for 2c or 3c. Such petty requests do not reflect credit on the dealer. Pay your own postage and pay his, too, if it will get his business.

There are countless ways of giving premiums, numberless premiums to give, and myriads of questions to be asked on the subject. Since this space is limited, let me ask you fellows who decide to make use of this article to study the other fellows' ways of doing it (not only the stamp dealers, but any premium house) then devise your own schemes and ask me the essential questions on the subject. I am always glad to hear from everybody and I spend at least twenty-two hours a day answering your questions, some days twenty-five, so come ahead with them. Think them out for yourself if you want to be successful.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. O. S.—The stamp you picture is apparently a private revenue for the State of Durango, Mexico. These stamps correspond to our State Revenues. The perforated talon or coupon is detached and retained by the revenue auditor, I believe. Your drawing is remarkably well executed and must have taken some time to make.

The Great Britain stamp you mention has probably been affected by soaking, as some of these English greens lose their original shade in the process. It may be a shade, however. I have seen quite a number of them.

Your suggestions have been referred

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NOTES ON THE 3c GREEN, 1870-1887.

By H. L. WILEY.

"Paid" cancellations are quite rare. Dated cancellations which are of great value in determining the approximate time of printing are scarce. The philatelist fortunate enough to own more than ten dated copies of these stamps should use his accumulation as a basis for a larger collection of these things, adding to it as opportunity offers. The date on the stamp is of value in establishing the status of the specimen and as a contribution to the data applicable to the various issues of a similar kind.

Under date of January 14, 1885, A. D. Hazen, then Third Assistant Postmaster General, in recommending the destruction of the existing stock of official stamps and other obsolete issues of the regular series, included in his letter the following paragraph:

"I have excepted from this recommendation the 3c stamps of the ordinary series of which there are 135,800 in the vault, for the reason that though their general use has been discontinued, occasional calls are made for them by some of the larger offices."

In compliance with another clause in the recommendations made by Mr. Hazen, the Postmaster-General, under date of January 14, 1885, ordered that plates for all obsolete ordinary and official stamps be cancelled, "except one working plate of each." In the Issue of 1870, as it was officially known, which was then the current series, the plates for the 3c, 5c, 7c, 12c and 24c denominations were included among those ordered cancelled. The intention of the Department was to keep the original dies, one or more transfer rolls, and one working plate, of each denomination.

On February 24, 1885, the committee reported that the destruction of the various stamps had been accomplished as ordered, except for certain issues and denominations of the Newspaper and Periodical stamps, with which we are not at present concerned.

Provisional Issues, Etc.

To the best of my knowledge, none of the 3 cent stamps under discussion, were used in an irregular manner. Bisected provisionals and pre-cancelled

issues are not recorded by any philatelic writer nor have such stamps appeared. Mr. Luff speaks of a stamp which may possibly be in the nature of a provisional issue but it is improbable that such is the true status of the stamp.

He says: "I have in my collection, a 3 cent green of the regular issue of 1882 which is over-printed in two lines in black, 'P. O. DEPT.—24c' with a bar across the original value. This stamp was presented to me by Mr. C. A. Townsend who writes that he knows nothing about the stamp except that he found five or six copies including one pair in a large quantity of stamps which he purchased some years ago. The stamps had been accumulated by a young lady who was not a philatelist who had made the oft repeated attempt to collect a 'million stamps.' My copy is uncanceled."

Re-Issues.

The Post Office Department issued a circular dated Washington, March 27, 1875, reading in part as follows: "The Department is prepared to furnish upon application, at face value, specimens of adhesive postage stamps issued under its auspices as follows:" (Included under this list of stamps was the issue of 1870 then being printed by the Continental Bank Note Company under the terms of its first contract.)

This circular was issued from time to time after the date given above. Mr. Luff in describing these stamps, says that "it is certainly difficult to distinguish the stamps of this printing from those of the regular issue. It requires a keen eye for color and great familiarity with the stamps of the period. The stamps of the special printing have the finish and appearance of careful workmanship which have been noticed in companion sets. Many of them were printed from worn plates. They are on the peculiarly white, crisp paper which was used for the reprints and reissues. Occasionally one has the cracked white gum but most of them have none.

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usual way by tearing them apart but were cut apart with scissors and as a result the perforations were much mutilated and the design is practically damaged. The color of the 3 cent as nearly as can be described is a blue-green."

The plates used for the 3 cent stamp of this printing were probably included between numbers 238 and 255 although no definite data is obtainable.

A second special printing unknown to philatelists until discovered and reported by Mr. Luff in 1896 was made by the American Bank Note Company probably in 1880; the records show that 500 copies of each value were received from the stamp agent on July 16, 1880. The characteristics according to Mr. Luff's description of these stamps are as follows: "The paper and the perforations are the same as were then in regular use (soft paper, perforated twelve); the stamps were not gummed, the colors are slightly deeper and richer than usual but the differences are not easily expressed. The color of the 3 cent stamp is blue-green.

It is very difficult to tell these stamps from those of the regular issue. A very careful comparison with a set known to have been purchased in the period is the only way to identify the specimens. The stamps are of great rarity. Only five complete sets and a few ordinary copies are known to exist. It has not been possible to learn the numbers of the plates used for this printing. The two special printings of the 1872 series are treated in the records as being one issue and we are therefore unable to say how many of each were sold. The total of the two is small and it is probable that the sale of the latter was extremely limited. The figures are as follows:

1875 Received	10,000
July 16, 1880 Received	500
Total	10,500
July 16, 1884 On Hand	10,233

Sold 267

A few of the 3c of 1881-82, with various other stamps of the period, were surcharged "SPECIMEN." These were intended for the Universal Postal Union.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a clipping from Charles A. Harvey entitled "Packing and Stamps." We would reprint the same only that it has previously appeared in our columns.

—O. D. Challans submits specimens of two new precancels from Kalamazoo, Mich. Specimens of the current 5c and 10c with old perforation are shown with "Kalamazoo, Mich." in two lines in sans serif capital letters printed horizontally between two heavy rules.

—At the regular bi-monthly meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society, Tuesday evening, January 5, at the Club Room of the Central Library the following officers for 1915 were elected: R. H. Eilers, President; H. W. Marston, Vice-President; William. C.

Schmidt, Secretary-treasurer; Herbert Klein, Librarian. This Society will celebrate its tenth anniversary, Feb. 2.—Wm. C. SCHMIDT, Sec.

—Herman W. Boers sends us a couple of clippings from Detroit papers, one of which gives the particulars of beginning of work on a new library to cost \$1,500,000. The interesting part of the proceeding to philatelists is the fact that Herbert Bowen turned the first shovel-ful of gravel.

—A correspondent writing us from Halifax, N. S., says: "I am situated where I see considerable of the mail matter that enters this office. The incoming mails from abroad show some nice covers I should like to get. They come from the front and the lack of stamps is made good by war postmarks. As we have a large number of German and Austrian prisoners here in Halifax we have a wide variety of war cancellations that would prove of more than ordinary interest to the stamp collector."

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A HALT CALLED.

The P. O. Department is evidently determined to prevent the further advertising of precancelled stamps. J. D. Hubel advises us to discontinue his advertisement and informs us that his attention has been called to a government regulation forbidding the sale of these stamps.

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As San Francisco has been chosen as the convention city of the American Philatelic Society in 1915. In this connection the Pacific Philatelic Society of that city, acting under the advice of the President of the Society to "get busy," and realizing the need of an early reservation with the Exposition people for a convention hall; a reservation has been registered with them for the month of August next. As to the exact days, previous experience teaches that there is but little variation in time from year to year, the President will in due time announce the exact days, therefore members will be safe in making their plans to attend at the usual time in August next.

As soon as members can definitely say they will attend, they should notify the Secretary of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Room 310-311 Luning Building, No. 45 Kearny St., San Francisco, to which address all communications and letters "in care of" should be sent; these rooms having lately been leased by the Society as a permanent headquarters and for mail and registration during and after the Exposition.

The official hotel headquarters will be at the Stewart Hotel, No. 353 Geary street, very centrally located in the shopping district, and on the direct municipal car line from the Ferry entrance at the foot of Market Street, where all overland passengers are landed and directly across the street from the St. Francis Hotel at Union Square.

Among the activities planned for convention week will be an auction sale and mart.

The matter of a general exhibition of stamps in connection with some department of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition is yet open, but the Pacific Philatelic Society has definitely decided to hold under its auspices limited monthly exhibitions, on the third Wednesday of each month, for a period of nine months, during which the Panama-Pacific International Exposition will be open; thus giving the utmost latitude to all our stamp friends, "withersoever dispersed," to be with us at some time during the Exposition months, even though they cannot find it convenient to be here during convention week.

The adopted schedule of the limited exhibition is as follows:

March. Russia and Finland.
April. Great Britain.
May. China and Corea.
June. British West Indies, any or all parts.
July. Greece and Turkey.
Aug. United States, (convention week).
Sept. France.
Oct. Any one Central or South American state.
Nov. Germany.

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range with some friend or correspondent to care for custody and safety; the committee of the Pacific Philatelic Society will act if requested so to do; there will be no costs for entry fee nor charges, other than expense charges.

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Our chronicle of new issues will no doubt furnish the information that the new perforation on U. S. adhesives has been discontinued and the regulation perforation called again into use. A great deal of fault has been found with the new perforation not only by the postal officials, but by the general public. It has been impossible to detach the stamps without tearing them and the complaints registered against the new perforation has been strong enough to cause it to be abandoned. Blocks of four of this perforation will look well in a U. S. collection and will prove a good investment.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

New Guinea stamps of the German colonial type have already been reported as having received a "G. R. I." overprint, but no details have hitherto come to hand. We now learn from a correspondent that he has received nine stamps of the German New Guinea set, which we hope to illustrate shortly. They are overprinted "G. R. I." and surcharged in English currency. All the German stamps up to the 80 pfennig have been utilised, but strange to say, neither 1/2d, 2 1/2d nor 6d have been provided for. The 3pf and 5pf stamps are surcharged 1d; the 10pf and 20pf are surcharged 2d; 25pf and 30pf, 3d; 40pf, 4d; 50pf, 5d; and 80pf, 8d. The stops after the letters G. R. I. vary considerably in size, some of them being almost invisible. On the 8d stamp there is no stop after the "8d," but it is quite possible that all of this denomination may be without a stop. The type is about 3 mm. high. We hope to be able to furnish further particulars of this set next week.—Postage Stamp.

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British Samoa—The letters from Apia, Samoa, come through with the New Zealand, 2½ pence surcharged Samoa in red and we noticed that one cover bore the stamp uncanceled; and on the back of the envelope was the printed paster: Apia—Censored—Samoa in three lines. On the front was the impression, Passed by Censor.

From India—A letter from a mission in Pilibhit, India, was received with the notice on the face of the envelope, "Passed Censor, Bombay;" and on the reverse is the label, surmounted by the British arms: Opened by Censor.

Collecting Fraternity—Our attention has just been called to a newspaper story by Herbert Corey that appeared some time ago in the New York Globe. It is told how August, the German soldier and Armand, the French soldier became detached from their companies during a night sortie and after hiding from each other during the hours of darkness agreed upon an armistice the next morning: "They laughed together. The Frenchman was a stamp collector. The German owned to a passion for butterflies. They bored each other with their fads." They walked together, "elbow by elbow talking stamps and butterflies." They were fired upon first by the Germans and then by the French and when they got near the Holland line they decided to ask for interment in Holland. "We were destined to be friends," they told the frontier guard.

The Right Stuff—The Christian Science Monitor of Boston is still making a feature of its fortnightly stamp news; and we are pleased to find that our columns are drawn upon liberally at times for the information that is so well presented by the editor of the stamp corner. It is gratifying to notice that recently there have been two recruits to the number of newspapers in large cities

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that have established stamp departments as a regular attraction.

Organizing Philately—In addition to the Chicago Philatelic Society, which, by-the-way, holds its twenty-seventh annual banquet on January 30th, 1915, in the city by the lake, there is a stamp club of the younger folks which meets at Sinai Center, 4622 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, on the first and third Saturdays of the month at two o'clock. So successful have the meetings of this junior organization been, that a member of the club has suggested that those who cannot well attend the meetings organize clubs in their own neighborhoods; and he has issued a call to collectors in his own community for a neighborhood stamp collectors' club.

Testy—An old subscriber indites the following recital: "Many ya-ars ago, when I was a guileless collector, or in 1902, I wrote you to ask if the two cent U. S. flag design stamp which was supplanted by the shield type, two cents, 'would ever be rare?' I was one of many who asked the question which was repeatedly answered in your columns in those good old days, in the manner of speaking. At any rate I wanted to ask the question myself and have an answer all to myself, about the destiny of a current stamp whose retirement had been announced; and the constant iteration of the self-same question must have pestered you as you vociferated, 'No!' In view of the fact that said stamp now catalogues at forty cents unused and that a grasping dealer asks me one dollar and half of another one for a block of four of the stamps because they are so hard to get well centered, what have you to say before sentence is imposed on you? If you had told me to put away several entire sheets, just think of the money that I would have made; and in fact, I blame you for the loss of a considerable sum of money, to put it with reverse english." Well, you see, it was this way. We thought that you meant the used stamp (and he did) and we will sell you a hundred of them for a quarter.

An Uncomfortable Person—Another disagreeable letter comes from a reader who sprinkles his Attic sale a bit too freely. He says: "Great Grief! 'Senape' on the Eritrea stamps, new pictorial set, is queried as 'Alfalfa' and I always understood that you had 'a little Latin.' To mistake mustard for alfalfa. Ho! Ho! In the bright lexicon of Italian in your shop, there must be no such word as 'senape.' Try a mustard-plaster next time." Our one-time friend but stranger now is too unrefined to be much of a gentleman. We have read "Italian at a Glance" but did not depend

upon its aid in this instance. An Italian said that he did not recall just what the word, Senape, was in English, but suggested alfalfa,—and so, the joke is on him and not us, after all.

Added To The List—Some time ago, we reported in these columns, the discovery of a western frank of the C. C. Huntley Stage & Express Line, on the three cent, 1864 U. S. stamped envelope white paper. The owner of the cover, Mr. R. J. Tarry now furnishes us with some interesting details that fully establish the legitimacy of this frank. He writes: "I have since found out something about the Huntley express and thought that you would like to see the envelope itself. I had heard rumors that the Huntley franks were bogus and also learned that the frank was listed years ago on buff but not known on white. I wrote Mr. H. B. Phillips who replied that he had a frank of the same name which he regarded as a fraud. I then sent my envelope to Mr. Phillips who said after examination that he was glad to be able to report that it was genuinely franked. The 'fake' that he had listed was on buff and printed in some combination of purple and red. Next I wrote to the State Historical Library of Montana and found that the C. C. Huntley Stage and Express Line was operated from Helena beginning in 1868 to some time in the '70's. Two advertisements of the Company follow. From the Helena Herald, 1868: 'C. C. Huntley, Daily & Tri-Weekly stage & express & carrier of the United States mail from Helena to Hell Gate, via Blackfoot, Deer Lodge & Beartown. Leaves Helena alternate days at 6 A. M. for Blackfoot and all Western camps. Office No. 40, Main St. S. S. Huntley, Agent.' From the Rocky Mountain Gazette, Helena: 'New Mail Route from Helena to Cave Gulch, via Eldorado Bar. Huntley's Mail and express coach leaves Helena each alternate day, commencing Monday, July 6, 1869.' The foregoing, capitalization and all, are just as they were copied for me out of the respective papers. Later in 1870, the company advertised 'Helena to Cedar Creek half daily.' Hell Gate, Cedar Creek, etc., do not exist to-day." The envelope bears the Helena postmark and is addressed to Fredonia, New York. The cover is stamped "registered" and the adhesive stamps evidently came off accidentally as the envelope has seen rather rough usage and is water-stained. The early days of the west are graphically suggested by this memento and the names of long-forgotten camps have the flavor of pioneer times. We felicitate Mr. Tarry on the intelligent search that he made so successfully to authenticate his frank which must now be placed with the accepted varieties.

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VOLUME ONE.

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NUMBER TWO.

Editorial.*"Per Angusta ad Augusta."*

Hold fast and true, brave gentry, else the fiends of darkness will chortle with ghoulish glee over the supposed capitulation of the PERFECT PHILATELIST to the impish horde. Our first number fell like a bomb-shell in the camp of the mercenaries and with blanched faces, the emissaries of evil scattered in seeming hopeless confusion. Fearing, however, that their death-knell was sounding, they rallied from their panic and with the desperation of the fated, they have been launching superhuman efforts to annihilate the champion of truth and the vidette of virtue as exemplified in the PERFECT PHILATELIST. Threats of the most terrifying nature have been hurled at us; bribes of the most insidious character have been thrust at us and infamous attacks have been leveled at us. Mayhap, we wavered for a moment or two but with sudden inspiration, we overcame the menace of the malevolent; and now clad in armor of burnished steel, we swing our trusty Toledo above our visor and bid our sturdy soldiers to the fray to rout abuse and error.

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We trust that our readers will excuse the delay in the appearance of our second number but truth to tell, the deceptions of the disgruntled, and the fulminations of the fatuous plunged us into the depths of depression. The realization of the existence of a host of unbelievers saddened us—but only for the nonce; and now genius germinates and will grow into the great oak that will remain unshaken by the turmoil of the pygmies.

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In the next number we shall detail our plans for the first campaign against the bulwarks of philatelic blasphemy and we shall acquaint our valiant followers with the necessary and secret information for our successful onslaught.

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Is it amiss to say that the first contribution of that sterling soul, H. Wesley Legg, was most gratefully received? He sent us a bill of no paltry size for the purchase of a carton of cigarros of exquisite bouquet. We trust that the dignified example of our most valued contributor, at the time of writing, will inspire a spirit of emulation on the part of other members of incomparable galaxy. What more laudable ambition may one have than to strew gladness on life's pathway?

Attacks Tax.

"Possibly the PERFECT PHILATELIST, O. O. & O. by P. P., might use the enclosed clipping:"

Olney W. Weave, the sweet singer of the Sedgwick Pantagraph, lifts up his voice:

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At the Front.

Still at — (Name deleted). News of great importance. Will release when funds come. Send at once to — (Censored). Please remit and make liberal advance. (Signed) Beller, Our Very Special War Correspondent.

Brazil and Its Stamps.

By PERCIVALE NITWIT, D. F.; P. O. D.; D. L. O., ETC.

I am credibly informed that Brazil is a country of no mean size in South American and it is to be alleged without fear of successful contradiction that it has issued not a few different stamps. Reference to a catalogue will show that some of the specimens are worth more than others. The first issue was made in 1843 or approximately and the stamps were often used on the backs of the covers as a seal and so it behooves those collectors who have glanced hurriedly over their Brazilian correspondence to make a more leisurely examination of it; and no doubt they will find some of the bulls-eyes (as the stamps may be called by their familiars) that they have heretofore overlooked.

(This is the second instalment of a series of exhaustive stamp studies by our celebrated specialist. A third will appear in an early number.)

Saved by Gum.

Again I greet you from bleak Kerguelen. Revivified in mind and body by the air of these solitudes, I sought to escape from my lonely islet. Providentially, I found that my little pocket-album of duplicates was unharmed and a plan to use the stamps came to mind. Selecting an Austrian stamp, unused, of high denomination because of its tenacious gum, I softened the adhesive by exposure to the fierce rays of the sun and placed the stamp so that one of the many birds that frequented the rock was soon trapped by alighting on the stamp. I found that the bird was a sort of carrier petrel and I affixed a used three cent Columbian to its neck and on the reverse of the stamp I wrote that I was marooned in latitude so and so and longitude this and that; and set the bird free. In a short time, I saw a proa approaching and the crew of natives soon were making obeisance to me. They carried me off in state to the fruitful land of Bydang where I was proclaimed Totoot of these brave yet gentle folk. More anon.

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The Parnassus Penflip Prize.

The award is made this month to Mr. Gunkle who had the courage to tell his wife's mother, who, when looking at his mint U. S. placed her finger on one of the blocks, not to touch the stamps.

Sinpod the Stamp Sage Says

That he attended a philatelic banquet the menu of which did not make a play on philatelic terms, such as "Mock Turtle (Counterfeit)."

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The Desperate Dilemma of Robert Harbinger or How Majolica Ware Was Wooded and Won.

By MISS GUSHIE GURGIE.
Author of "The Philatelic Cupid"; "The Love Affairs of Bill Bloss," etc.
(Continued.)

CHAPTER V.

There was a peremptory knock at the door of the Harbinger home and the silk-hatted banker stood on the threshold. He greeted the widow and her manly son; and placing his hat and cane on a chair, he produced the mortgage. Perfunctorily, our hero read the instrument and with a start, he noticed that it bore a revenue stamp, a one hundred dollar documentary of the 1898 issue, with inverted center! "Let me read the mortgage in the quiet atmosphere of my room," said our hero in a voice that trembled despite himself. Robert slipped away post haste to the mansion of the village Worthington, who, to make a long story short, pressed eight thousand dollars in his hands for the great rarity, the only one in existence.

CHAPTER VI.

Hastening home, our hero impetuously burst upon the scene. The color in the cheeks of the widow was heightened and a strange glow was in the eyes of the banker. "Yes," the banker was saying, "you have a son of whom to be proud"; and hearing this our hero made the avowal, "I love your daughter." With a dry chuckle the banker said, "Pay the mortgage and my motherless child is yours." Then to the surprise of all, Robert nonchalantly counted off fifteen thousand dollars from his roll of twenty thousand dollars and handed it to the admiring banker.

CHAPTER VII.

There was a double wedding in Squatdale. The banker and the widow spent their honeymoon of several weeks at Saratoga Springs. Robert and his bride took even a more extended tour. They went to Philadelphia, having heard of the *Philadelphia Stamp News*, and the happy pair paid its editor a visit of five weeks. The time passed all too rapidly for Robert and Majolica and in time they departed, after having made inquiry into the rates of subscription for one year and for six months, respectively; and if they were a bit disappointed that the editor gave no premiums, they did not show their feeling.

Thus did philately unite loving hearts.
(THE END.)

NOTE.—Miss Gushie Gurgie writes exclusively for the PERFECT PHILATELIST. Her "Little Journeys to the Homes of Ingrate Philatelists" are now in course of preparation.

Our Aristocracy of Brains.

Our brilliant corps of contributors is the personification of perfection; and it has come to our ears that many an one would give his all to achieve a place in the sun with them. Needless to say, additions to our list will be made only after the severest tests are withstood and a probationary period successfully passed. Here are the immortals; count 'em: Count Lapp de Booz; Sinpod, the Stamp Sage; Miss Gushie Gurgie; Embossed Emil; H. Wesley Legg; Percivale Nitwit, D. F., P. O. D., D. L. O. etc.; W. Hamilton Barnum; Beller, Our War Correspondent and PARNASSUS PENFLIP. (Note to printer: Use caps.—P. P.)

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BILL BLOSS.

2729 Hampden Ct.
Chicago, Ill.**OMAHA STAMP CLUB.**

The second regular meeting of the Omaha Stamp Club was held at 210 First National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 29, 1914, at 8 o'clock P. M., with the following present: President R. C. Hoyt, Vice-President Frank S. Parmelee, Secretary-Treasurer Ora E. Stark, S. L. Irvine, Con T. Lam, C. C. Meihnsner, George Warren, H. A. Whipple, W. B. Stier, M. B. Newman and James M. Doyle.

The following appointments for the coming year were announced: Auction and exchange manager, F. S. Parmelee; counterfeit detector, H. A. Whipple; librarian, Russell Stier.

Messrs. James M. Doyle, Albert Edholm, M. B. Newman and W. B. Stier were elected to membership. Mr. Charles L. Pond was made a life member. The club now has a total membership of thirty-three.

After the meeting there was an auction of lots of stamps which had been donated to the club by members. A set of U. S. Chalmers' perforations donated by Thos. C. E. Hunter sold for \$1.00; a set of German-Belgian war stamps on original cover and the same set used off cover donated by F. S. Parmelee brought \$1.00, and four lots of Asiatic stamps presented by O. E. Stark realized \$2.35.

The next meeting will be held on February 5, at which time Mr. John Benson will exhibit his superb British colonial collection. Visiting philatelists are cordially invited to attend any of the meetings of the club, which are held on the first Friday of each month. Collectors living in Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity are especially urged to communicate with the secretary, Mr. Ora E. Stark, 22nd and Hickory streets, and full notice and particulars of meetings will be sent them.

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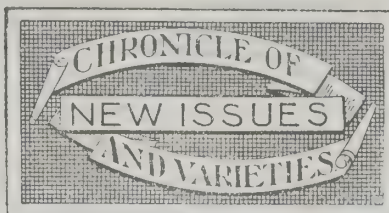
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—After fifty-three years continuous use of a standard method for the separation of postage stamps, the United States postal authorities adopted a new standard of what collectors call "perforated 10." The Philadelphia Stamp News announces "that the complaints from users of postage stamps issued in sheets were received in such quantities by the Postmaster General, not alone from the public users but also from the postal clerks handling these stamps, that the Department is at present occupied in exchanging perforated 12 for the perforated 10 and the production of the latter has been stopped, if they are not recalled and destroyed. The change back to the old order of things may not, and perhaps will, effect the issues in coil and booklet form. Incidentally, the Postmaster at Philadelphia has instructions to return all the new standard perforation sheet stamps to Washington and receive the old standard gauge stamps in exchange. This means the experimental perforation 10 stamps are to be supplanted by the old perforated 12 sheets, in other words, the widely spaced perforation has proved to be unsuitable and the old standard 12 perforation is returned to favor. What will be done with the perforated 10 stamps, by the Department, we do not know, but surmise they may be adapted to coils, or destroyed."

Scott's Circular notes that the 7c, 12c, and 20c postage and 2c postage due stamps have been seen perforated 10.

ARGENTINE.—Smith & Sons Monthly Circular says that the following service stamps have appeared on paper with the honeycomb watermark:

M. A.—1c, 5c, 12c.

M. H.—1c, 2c, 5c, 12c.

AUSTRALIA.—The Australian Philatelist states:—Going through a number of sheets of the 6d Kookaburra, it was discovered that two qualities of paper had been used, one a hard wove, the other a soft porous one. The color on the first is of a much lighter shade than the second, which is something like a deep red-brown, and the ink has stained the surface of the unprinted part of the sheet, giving it a pinkish appearance. Another variety noticed was a double perforation along the outer vertical row on the right of the sheet.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The Stamp Collectors' Forthrightly says a rumor is circulating in England to the effect that the Germans have overprinted a great quantity of the Current German stamps "Grossbritannien" and values in English money against possible use at some future time.

HAYTI.—With the aid of Maury's Collectionneur we are now able to give a complete list of the Zamor surcharges. There are three types of the surcharge, all type set, as illustrated in Scott's addenda, which see:

STAMPS FOR FOREIGN USE.

Type I.
1c green; Scott's No. 125.
2c vermilion; No. 126.
3c brown; No. 127.
3c orange; No. 156.
4c carmine lake; No. 128.
4c light olive green; No. 167.
5c deep blue; No. 166.
7c gray; No. 130.
7c orange red; No. 168.
8c carmine rose; No. 131.
8c olive green; No. 169.
10c orange red; No. 132.
10c red brown; No. 170.
15c slate green; No. 133.
15c yellow; No. 171.
20c blue green; No. 134.
20c yellow green and black; No. 158.
50c red; No. 135.

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P. G. Beals, Lynn, Mass.,	\$33.70
F. H. Ewald, Coatesville, Pa.,	5.00
F. R. Ginn, London, Eng.,	35.73

50c yellow; No. 172.

1p claret; No. 130.

1p red; No. 173.

Type II.

50c red; No. 135.

1p claret; No. 136.

1p red; No. 173.

On Postage Due Stamps.

2c dull red; No. 210.

5c ultramarine; No. 211.

10c violet; No. 212.

50c olive gray; No. 213.

STAMPS FOR INTERIOR USE.

Type I.

1c dark carmine; No. 161.

2c orange; No. 138.

2c orange; No. 162.

3c slate; No. 139.

5c dark blue; No. 98.

8c carmine; No. 58.

10c orange brown; No. 99.

Type III.

20c orange; No. 100.

50c claret; No. 101.

On Postage Due Stamps.

5c red brown and black; No. 206.

10c orange and black; No. 207.

50c slate and black; No. 208.

MONTERRAT.—According to Scott's Circular the 3d of the current type, which was formerly printed in two operations, and had the center in a much lighter shade than the frame now has the whole design printed at the same time and in the same shade.

PENRHYN ISLAND.—The 6d King Edward stamp of New Zealand has also been surcharged for use in this Colony, like the 1sh recently chronicled.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—The Stamp Lover chronicles the 5sh of the Britannia type, Scott's A9, with the double name for the Colony. Printed on Multiple Crown and CA, white wove paper and perforated 14.

Adhesive.

5sh deep purple and mauve.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

PRICE LIST AND FOLLOW-UP-ADVERTISER.

While space advertising in the stamp papers must form the largest part of the publicity of a dealer, in order to secure the maximum results from advertising, it is advisable to supplement it with other advertising.

The advisability of the issuance of a price-list must depend largely on the circumstances of the dealer. If his stock consists of stamps in quantities of twenty-five to a hundred or more of a kind, and attractive prices can be made, the dealer is safe in putting out a price-list. However, many young dealers have the impression that no dealer can be considered a dealer until he has issued a list, accordingly as soon as they get five or ten stamps of a kind, and a few kinds, they issue a list. Result! The sixth customer has to be advised that the stamps are out of stock. This method kills business instead of building it.

For the dealer with little capital, a very good plan is to issue a small list periodically. Same can be mimeographed or run off on a duplicating machine at a low figure and will answer the purpose of a more expensive list, which becomes useless as the stock is exhausted. If the dealer can issue a short list of this sort, including some thirty or forty items, or even fewer, at little expense for printing, he will find that it "gingers" up the trade immensely and will help to turn dead stock. A plan used by some dealers is to enclose a small sheet of this sort with every order or lot sent out. These lists are changed at weekly or bi-monthly intervals, and hence offer new bargains where a larger list could not.

In considering the subject of follow-up and circular advertising, bear in mind that one of the first theories of advertising proves that a number of smaller attacks on the mind of the customer will bring better results than fewer larger campaigns. It is repeated efforts that bring the results, not a few mighty attempts. In carving stone, the hammer must strike many times. So must it in carving the fame of the dealer on the mind of the customer.

The house-organ is a welcome relief from the stereotyped price list. It is a price-list in disguise, or, like the little liver pill, it has a candy coating. The reader, after he has devoured the pages of favorite fiction designed for him by the kindly dealer, is quite willing to give a few moments to the beauties of said dealer's new Animal Packet. A few of the dealers issuing house-organs induce the readers to look over the advertising by another method. They start out to knock their competitors, and soon establish a first-class mud-slinging row which interests no one. The dealer devotes a number of columns to informing Mr. Competitor indirectly and the gentle readers chiefly that he thinks Mr. C. is a long-eared cuss and follows it up with a beautiful assortment of descriptive adjectives, thrilling narrative, and subtle threats. At last, in disgust and for relief, the reader (no longer gentle) turns to the advertising to escape the morbid matter thrust upon him. The result is the same. He reads the advertisements. However, he has long since come to the conclusion that the dealer is of the *Genus Simpus* for wasting space on mud-slinging and for insulting his intelligence by expecting him to read such slander. Therefore, he decides to abandon forever his patronage with this dealer, and the next time the house-organ is received, its heating properties are quickly tested in place of its message being read. Judge for yourself whether it is best to use your house-organ to build your business or wreck your neighbor's. Consider whose business gets the worst of the deal.

Another mistake, to my mind, that

many of the dealers make is in charging a subscription price for these house-organs. Collectors realize that not one in twenty-five has any literary value worth paying money for, and the fact that they are asked to part with their good coin for the sake of receiving a line of bargains entirely surrounded by "bunk," is resented by many of the very best buyers in the country. Instead of limiting your paper to a few who will pay for it, and who may never spend a cent from reading it, send it to good buyers and live prospects, regardless whether they pay the postage or you do. They spend the money, and the added circulation will pay for itself several times over in increased sales. Don't shut out your best customer because he refuses to pay your expenses on your list. If a salesman called on you, what would you do to him if he asked you to pay his carfare?

A good follow-up system will do wonders in building business. Every dealer keeps, or should keep, a list of his customers, together with their wants and requirements. A 3 x 5 card index is the best means of handling such a list. Your stationer will give you the necessary information about filing and cross-indexing, etc.

After a customer favors you with an order, don't let him stop there. When you get his name, mail him your advertising matter, or better yet, write him a "personal" letter telling of the advantages of your service and approvals, or your capacity for filling wants, or any other good selling argument. After you have sent him this first letter, note the date of mailing in his card, together with the number of the form letter sent, or whether the letter is of the style you write first. File his card, or a record of his name and the letter, in a suspense file kept for the purpose, placing the card under the date that will bring it to your attention two weeks from the date of the first letter. If, at the end of that period, you have not received a reply from him, write him a second letter, and repeat the filing operation, noting the date of the second letter. Continue this plan until you have sent him four or five letters or even more, or are convinced that you cannot land him. Then file his card in your general file, and go after him again in a short time, repeating the operation as heretofore.

Just what success you will have in extracting further orders from your prospect depends largely upon your ability as a letter writer. I have found that the farther from a form letter the follow-up is, the better the results will be. If the customer receives a letter written to him personally, and not a mere copy of a letter which he knows every other fellow gets, he will be far more apt to respond. Therefore, it is worth the extra trouble to make the letter a personal one. In writing these follow-ups, if you have any personal knowledge of the likes and dislikes of your client, use it. Show him that the letter is individual because it reaches his particular points. Also, do not think you can fool him by using an imitation type-written letter. The only person such a letter will fool is the merchant who sends it out. Such letters should only be used when it is of no consequence if they do bear the appearance of a form letter.

Circular advertising can be made a very important factor in selling, if it is handled carefully. Unless the circulars and letters are made interesting and are well-worded, they will fall flat. It is a good plan in letter-writing to use double spacing in preference to single spacing (on typewritten letters), for, while this does not permit of as long a letter, if the letter is snappy, and full of interest, it can be made long enough to accomplish this purpose, and too long a letter will not receive the proper attention from the reader. What do you do when

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THE STAMPS OF GERMANY.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

FOREWORD.

In the series of articles which have appeared in the WEEKLY to date I have endeavored to cover the history of the issues of the separate States in a manner which would appeal to the general collector, and in dealing with the postal issues of Germany itself the same plan will be followed. I have thought it convenient to include the stamps of Thurn and Taxis and those of the North German Confederation with Germany. These cannot be allocated to any particular State and as they were the forerunners of the emissions for the German Empire their logical place would appear to be in the sequence of the Empire stamps. This is the method generally adopted in cataloguing these groups and it is the one followed by the late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby in his excellent work on the "Adhesive Postage Stamps of Europe." Mr. Westoby's explanation is so clear and concise that I cannot do better than quote it in full:—

In the seventeenth century the postal service of the whole of Germany was a monopoly in the hands of the Princes of Thurn and Taxis, but the wars of the French Revolution, followed by those of the First Empire, so dislocated the service that Austria, Baden, Bavaria, Brunswick, Hanover, Luxemburg, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Oldenburg, Prussia and Saxony withdrew, or purchased their freedom, and formed their own postal administrations. Wurtemberg purchased its freedom in March, 1851, for something over \$500,000, when the postal service of the Thurn and Taxis office became confined to those parts of North Germany comprised in the Electorate of Hesse, the Principalities of Reuss, Schwarzburg-Sondershausen, Waldeck, and Lippe, the Grand Duchy of Saxe-Weimar, the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Strelitz down to 1864, and the Hanseatic towns of Hamburg, Bremen, and Lubeck, in each of which there was an office. In South Germany its monopoly extended to the Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, the Principalities of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, the Duchies of Nassau, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Saxe-Altenburg, and Saxe-Meiningen, the Landgraviat of Hesse-Homburg, and the town of Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

The North German Confederation was formed in 1866, its policy being directed by a Parliament composed of members from Prussia and twenty-one other German States, which met from time to time in Berlin. In the early part of 1867 Prussia purchased from the Prince of Thurn and Taxis the remainder of the monopoly of the postal service throughout Germany at and from 1 July, 1867, and carried it on till the end of that year, when the whole service throughout Germany was merged by the Confederation into one general administration, with its centre in Berlin, with the exception of Baden, Bavaria, and Wurtemberg, which continued to preserve their separate administrations though, after the re-establishment of the German Empire on January 1st, 1871, that of Baden ceased to exist and was absorbed in that of the Empire.

It might be considered more logical to place the stamps of Thurn and Taxis under a separate heading, as has been done with those of the German States that were merged into those of the North German Confederation, or the Empire; but as the service extended to several States in North and South Germany they are not localised, and have usually been placed under the head of Germany, and it is perhaps better to conform to custom.

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It will be seen that this arrangement leaves a hiatus between 30 June, 1867, and 1 January, 1868, during which time the service was conducted by a special issue of Prussia, for the particulars of which reference must be made to the stamps of that country as described in the previous handbook on the 'Stamps of the German States'."

Thurn and Taxis.

The meaning of Thurn and Taxis has frequently puzzled collectors but, as I have already explained it did not represent a political or geographical division of the German Empire, but is a designation applied to the stamps issued in connection with the postal monopoly held by the princely house of this name. In the Stamp Collector's Magazine for February, 1863, Mr. Mount Brown gives a short history of this house and its post to which I am indebted for much of the following information.

Thurn and Taxis was formerly an independent house in Germany which came originally from Italy. The oldest authentic historic ancestor of the family is considered to be Martin I della Torre, Lord of Valsassina, who accompanied the Emperor Conrad I in his crusade, and died a prisoner of the Saracens in 1147. Since 1259 eight della Torres were, one after the other, lords of Milan, until Guido the Rich perished in

a feud with the Visconti family. Martino della Torre was one of the popular leaders, and appointed *anziano* or elder of the people of Milan. Such was his power that he sequestered the property of the see, and forbade the archbishop-elect to appear in Milan; for which he was excommunicated by the Pope. His successors continued to enjoy the popular favor for some time, until one of them was suspected of aspiring to sovereign power, and Ottino Visconti, the archbishop, seized the opportunity for striking a decisive blow. A combat ensued in which the Torriani were defeated, and Visconti entered Milan a perpetual lord. So much then for the Torre, (or Thurn, to give it its Teutonic equivalent) branch of the family.

One of the sons of Guido the Rich, Lamoral I, settled in the territory of Bergamo, and took from the mountain Tasso (one of his possessions there) the name *del Tasso* and afterwards *del Tassis*, from which the German Taxis

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The Tyrol post established by Roger I marks him as one of the earliest postal benefactors. He must have known how to manage the post he established; for instead of it dying out, like so many other knightly ventures, it proved to be the initial step towards the foundation of a service whose functions only ceased with the Prusso-Austrian war of 1866. So successful was the conduct of his enterprise that, in 1516, his son was charged by Maximilian I to form a post from Brussels to Vienna, certainly no mean undertaking in those days. In 1522, on account of the war with the Turks, an imperial post was established from Nuremberg to Vienna, which ceased on the return of peace. On this Charles V ordered Leonhard, Count of Thurn and Taxis, to establish a permanent post, which went from the Netherlands through Treves, Spire, etc., to Wurtemberg, Augsburg, and Tyrol to Italy. In 1543, he created the Count Oberpostmeister of the German Empire. About the end of the sixteenth century the Thurn and Taxis post, shaken by disturbances in the Netherlands, and oppressed by debt, fell into disuse, but rose again under the favor of emperor Rudolf II. But the Palatinate, Wurtemberg, Saxony, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and other states of the empire formerly included under Thurn and Taxis, had in the meantime established posts in their own states, and refused to recognize the validity of the office. Thereupon Count Lamoral of Thurn and Taxis was raised to the rank of Baron of the Empire, and received the imperial post in fee for himself and male heirs, which was subsequently extended to his female descendants. It was under this somewhat attenuated postal monopoly that stamps were issued in 1852.

The Thurn and Taxis Post Office had its headquarters in Frankfurt, and the extent of its monopoly about the year 1850 has already been detailed. From the latter it will be seen that the field of its operations extended to states in both Northern and Southern Germany. In the Northern States the currency was in silbergroschen while in South Germany it was in kreuzer, thus necessitating two series of stamps. Before, therefore, describing the stamps themselves some explanation of the monetary system obtaining in the states affected by the Thurn and Taxis postal administration seems desirable. In his article in *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly* for September 19th, 1908, Mr. W. P. Barnsdall gives a very clear exposition of the

somewhat mixed currency then in vogue which I cannot do better than quote *in extenso*.

The Northern group, with a few exceptions, had for its unit the *thaler*, equal to about 3s (72c) of our money. This was as a rule sub-divided into 30 *silbergroschen*, *groschen*, or *new-groschen*, each of which was equivalent to 12 *pfennige*. Thus in English money 1 *silbergroschen* equalled 1/5d (2 2/5c). In Hanover and Brunswick the *thaler* was divided into 24 *gute-groschen* of 12 *pfennige*, whilst in Bremen 72 *grote* made up that unit. Hanover in 1858 adopted the subdivision of 300 *pfennige*=30 *groschen*=1 *thaler*, thus coming into line except as regards the lowest denomination; whilst in Mecklenburg 48 *schilling* made up the *thaler* of 30 *groschen*. Schleswig, Hamburg, Lubeck, and Bergedorf employed the *Hamburg mark* (28c) as the unit, it being divided into 16 *schilling*. Practically, therefore, all the currency of North Germany can be reduced to *silbergroschen*.

The monetary unit for the Southern States was the *gulden* or *florin*, divided into 60 *kreuzer*. This was at one time worth 2s (48c) or two-thirds of a *thaler*, so that 3 *kreuzer* exactly equalled 1 *silbergroschen*. Eventually the value of the *gulden* fell to about 1s 8d (40c), but, as will be seen later, the equation mentioned served as the basis of issue of concurrent series of stamps.

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The Thurn and Taxis Post Office, as I have already stated, had its central administration at Frankfurt, and, as it joined the German Austrian Postal Union in 1851, it became necessary to provide postage stamps to conform to one of the regulations of the convention. This Postal Union, as has been pointed out in the history of the stamps of Baden, Bavaria, etc., was of considerable importance since by it the postal arrangements over a large portion of central Europe were regulated and uniform rates established. As the operation of the Thurn and Taxis office included states using two distinct currencies, two sets of stamps were necessary, one with values expressed in *silbergroschen* and the other with values in *kreuzer*. By the terms of the Postal Union, stamps of 1 *kreuzer* were allowed to correspond to those of 1/2 *silbergroschen*—a distinct advantage to the southern states as will be seen from the currency equivalents quoted above.

The design adopted was somewhat similar to that used by Baden, Bavaria, and Wurtemberg about the same period. They were printed in a similar manner to the emissions of those States and on paper of different colors. A contract was made with a paper manufacturer at Hanau on November 15, 1851, for a supply of suitable paper; and a few days later another contract was made with the firm of C. Naumann, a Frankfurt printer, for the construction of the plates and the printing of the stamps.

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Tunis 1906, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35c. .27
*Costa Rica '89, 1c to 1p. .22
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Chile—
1867, 5c red, No. 17, pen canc. .01
1877, 10c blue, No. 24 .01
1878-81, 1c, 2c, 5c, three for .02
1883-86, 5c, 10c, 20c, three for .03
1892, 15c dark green, No. 33 .02
25c orange brown, No. 34 .02
1p brown and black, No. 35 .08
1894, 1c and 2c, two for .01
1900, 1c yellow green, No. 39 .02
2c brown rose, No. 40 .01
5c blue, No. 41 .01
10c violet, No. 42 .03
50c red brown, No. 44 .06
5c on 30c rose carmine, No. 45 .04
1901, 30c deep orange, No. 46 .10
1c yellow green, No. 47 .01
2c rose, No. 48 .01
5c blue, No. 49 .01
10c violet, No. 50 .03
1902, 1c green, No. 51 .01
2c carmine, No. 52 .01
5c ultramarine, No. 53 .01
10c red and black, No. 54 .03
30c violet and black, No. 55 .03
1903, 10c on 30c orange, No. 57 .03
1904, *1c on 20c ultramarine, No. 58 .03
1c on 20c ultramarine, No. 58 .03
2c yellow brown, No. 59 .02
5c red, No. 60 .03
10c olive green, No. 61 .04
*3c on 1p brown, No. 64 .06
12c on 5c brown red, No. 67 .05
1905-09, 1c, 2c, 5c, three for .02
3c yellow brown, No. 70 .03
10c gray and black, No. 72 .01
15c violet and black, No. 74 .04
20c orange brown and black, No. 75 .02
30c blue green and black, No. 76 .04
50c ultramarine and black, No. 77 .04
1910, *1c dark green and black, No. 83 .02
1c dark green and black, No. 83 .02
*2c lake and black, No. 84 .02
2c lake and black, No. 84 .02

Dominican Republic—
1906, 1/2c No. 164 .02
1c No. 165 .02
2c No. 166 .02
5c No. 167 .04
10c No. 168 .06
1907, 1c No. 173 .01
2c No. 174 .01
5c No. 175 .01

Dutch Indies—
1870-74, 10c orange brown, No. 5. .01
25c dark violet, No. 8 .03
1876-80, 12 1/2c gray, No. 15 .03
1883-88, 1c slate green, No. 17 .01
2c red brown, No. 18 .01
2 1/2c yellow, No. 19 .03
1889, 3c lilac, No. 21 .01
5c ultramarine, No. 22 .01
1892-97, 10c red brown, No. 23 .01
15c bistre, No. 25 .02
20c ultramarine, No. 26 .02
25c violet, No. 27 .02
1899-00, 10c on 10c gray lilac, No. 31. .01
12 1/2c on 12 1/2c, No. 32 .03
15c on 15c, No. 33 .02
20c on 20c, No. 34 .03
25c on 25c, No. 35 .03
50c on 50c, No. 36 .03
1902, 10c slate, No. 46 .01
25c violet, No. 50 .02
30c orange brown, No. 51 .02
50c red brown, No. 52 .02
1906, 20c olive green, No. 54 .02

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The stamps were issued on January 1, 1852, there being four values for each division, those corresponding of the different currencies being of the same color. The stamps of the Northern States, with values in silbergroschen, show large uncolored numerals of value on an engine-turned ground, the pattern of which differs for each denomination. Enclosing this centerpiece is a square frame measuring about 22 mm. outside and 14 mm. inside. In the upper part of this frame is "Friedmarke," in German lower-case with capital initial; in the lower portion is the value in "Silb. Grosch." in Roman lower case with capital initials; on the left is "Deutsche-Oestr. Postverein," and on the right "Thurn and Taxis," both inscriptions being in two lines of German diamond lower case with capital initials. In each of the angles are small posthorns and immediately below these, encroaching on the background of the centre, are small shields showing the numerals of value on a ground of solid color.

The stamps of the Southern States, with values in kreuzer, show similar inscriptions but on a circular band, the small posthorns separating the inscriptions. The large numerals of value in the centre are on an engine-turned ground of circular shape and, as in the case of the silbergroschen series, the pattern of this differs for each denomination. The rectangular shape of the design as a whole is obtained by the addition of ornamental scrollwork at each angle, there being small numerals of value in the centre of the decoration at each corner. The inscription at the left on all these stamps is simply the German rendering of "German Austrian Postal Union."

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Antigua 1882-85, 1/2p green	price \$.04	Gt. Britain, Levant 1906, 2p green & red .09	
1882-85, 1p carmine05	1911, 2 1/2p ultramarine09
1886, 4p orange brown14	Grenada 1883, 1/2p green04
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Argentina 1883, 1/2c brown05	Hawaii 1864-71, 18c red without gum. .20	
1883, 1c red08	Ivory Coast 1914, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c. .10	
Azores 1894, Prince Henry, 15r brown. .06		Jamaica 1883, 4p red brown . . . . .	.12
Bahamas 1884-90, 1p pale rose . . . . .	.20	1885-90, 1/2p green . . . . .	.03
Barbados 1892-6, 1f, 1/2 and 1p . . . . .	.06	1885-90, 6p yellow . . . . .	.20
1904-5, 1/2p green . . . . .	.03	1906-10, 1p red . . . . .	.04
1904-6, 1p red . . . . .	.08	Labuan 1882, 1sh orange . . . . .	.45
Bechuanaland 1892-4, 1p lilac . . . . .	.06	1885-6, 1/2p green . . . . .	.04
1888-9, "protec," 1/2p vermilion . . . . .	.10	1885-6, 6p sage green . . . . .	.70
1889, on Cape, 1/2p black . . . . .	.10	Leeward Islands 1890, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2, 4, 6 & 7p .95	
1904-6, 2 1/2p ultramarine . . . . .	.08	Malta 1885, 1/2p green . . . . .	.03
1914, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6p and 1sh. 1.02		1913, K. G., 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2, and 6p. .33	
Belgium, Antwerp, 1894, 5, 10 and 25c .05		Martinique 1913, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c .10	
Brussels, 1896-7, 5, 10 and 10c . . . . .	.06	Mauritius 1893-4, 2c purple . . . . .	.02
Bermuda 1894-93, 1/2p green . . . . .	.04	1893-4, 16c brown . . . . .	.13
1884-93, 1p carmine . . . . .	.05	1899, 15c brown . . . . .	.18
1884-93, 2 1/2p ultramarine . . . . .	.11	Montenegro 1896, 1n to 2h, 12 var. compl. .52	
Bosnia 1910, Jubilee, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25 & 30h .58		Natal 1882-4, 1/2p green . . . . .	.04
1910 Jub., 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6h . . . . .	.17	1882-4, 1p red . . . . .	.04
Br. Solomon Is. 1913 "Postage" 1/2p grn. .05		1904-8, 1/2p green . . . . .	.02
1913 "Postage" 3p violet on yellow. .14		1904-8, 1p red . . . . .	.04
1913 "Postage" 11p violet and red. .35		1904-8, 1p red . . . . .	.04
1914 "Postage and Revenue" 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 6p and 1sh	1.00	New Hebrides 1910 on Fiji, 2p gray . . . . .	.28
Bulgaria 1912 Jubilee, 5s olive green . . . . .	.11	1910 on Fiji, 2 1/2p ultramarine . . . . .	.28
Canada 1898, maps, 2c both var. (used @ 2) .10		1910 on Fiji, 5p green and lilac . . . . .	.43
Canal Zone 1909, 8c violet and black. .15		1910 on Fiji, 6p lilac . . . . .	.58
1909, 10c violet and black . . . . .	.20	1910 on Fiji, 1sh black on green . . . . .	.73
Congo 1894-5, 5, 10, 25 and 50c. . . . .	.38	N. S. Wales 1905-6, 2p ultramarine, perf. 11 1/2x1d. .25	
Dahomey 1913, 1, 2, 4, 5, and 10c . . . . .	.10	N. Borneo 1909, 1, 2, 3 and 4c . . . . .	.13
Danish W. I. due stamps 1902, 1c dark blue .08		1909, 18c green and black (scarce). .78	
Dominica 1883-90, 1/2p green . . . . .	.04	Orange F. State 1878, 2 1/2p on 3p (No. 31) .18	
1883-90, 4p gray . . . . .	.07	Rhodesia 1909, 1/2p green . . . . .	.02
Egypt 1879, 5p on 2 1/2p pi purple . . . . .	.07	1909, 2 1/2p ultramarine . . . . .	.08
1902, 10p on 5p pi purple . . . . .	.11	K. G. 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10d and 1sh	1.35
Falkland Islands 1892-06, 1/2p green . . . . .	.04	Russia, Romanoff 1, 2, 3 and 4k . . . . .	.15
1892-96, 1p red . . . . .	.08	St. Christopher 1884, 2 1/2p ultramarine. .11	
Fiji K. G. 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 5 and 6p . . . . .	.70	1884, 4p slate . . . . .	.15
Finland 1891-2, 2, 10, 20 and 25p . . . . .	.29	St. Lucia, K. G. 4p red on yellow . . . . .	.04
French Guinea 1913, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c. .10		St. Vincent 1883-8, 1/2p green . . . . .	.05
India 1914, 1c to 1fr, 16 var.	1.50	1883-8, 1p pink No. 43 . . . . .	.72
Oceanica 1913, 1, 2, 4 and 5 . . . . .	.06	1885-91, 1p on 2 1/2p lake No. 51. .1.22	
Gambia 1887-9, 1/2p green . . . . .	.05	1885-91, 2 1/2p on 1p gray blue No. 52b .72	
Gibraltar 1886, 1/2p green . . . . .	.05	1885-91, 5p on 6p deep lake No. 57a .72	
1906-11, 2 1/2p ultramarine . . . . .	.18	Sarawak 1892, 1c lilac and black . . . . .	.06
Gold Coast 1884-91, 1/2p green05	Senegal 1913, 1, 2, 4, 5c06
1884-91, 2p gray10	Seychelles 1890, 13c slate and black17
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1867 (56) 5sh rose90
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1861, 1c blue, unused	1.50	45
1c pink, used	1.50	45
10c green, unused	1.50	45
1862, 2c black, unused	1.50	45
5c brown, unused	1.50	45
15c black, unused	1.50	45
1867, 2c black, 9x13, unused	1.50	45
1c red, 9x13, unused	1.50	45
1869, 1c buff, unused	1.50	45
2c brown, unused	1.50	45
6c blue, unused	1.50	45
10c yellow, used	1.50	45
10c yellow, unused	1.50	45
12c green, unused	1.50	45
15c brown and blue, unused	1.50	45
1871, 1c ultra, unused	1.50	45
2c brown, unused	1.50	45
6c carmine, unused	1.50	45
10c brown, unused, o. g.	1.50	45
1873, 1c ultra, unused	1.50	45
1c green, unused	1.50	45
10c brown, unused	1.50	45
1875, 2c vermilion, unused	1.50	45
5c blue, unused	1.50	45
1879, 1c ultra, unused	1.50	45
2c vermilion, unused	1.50	45
3c green, unused	1.50	45
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1886, 1p carmine CA, 12	1.00	25
Bahamas, 1862, 1p lake CC, 12 1/2	1.00	1.00
1862, 4p rose CC, 12 1/2	3.00	75
1873, 4p rose CC, 14	1.25	30
1882, 4p rose CA, 14	3.50	1.25
1882, 4p rose CA, 12	2.00	75
Barbados, 1861 (1p) blue (No. 14)	2.50	90
1861, (4p) rose-red (No. 17)	3.00	1.00
1871, (1p) blue (No. 33)	1.00	25
1882, 4p slate	.60	20
Bermuda, 1865, 1p dull rose CC, 14	.75	20
1865, 2p buff CC, 14	.75	20
1873, 3p buff CC, 14	2.50	1.00
1873, 3p buff CC, 12 1/2 x 14	3.50	1.25
British Guiana, 1863, 1c black (No. 45)	2.00	50
1863, 2c orange (No. 46)	1.00	25
1866, 8c rose (No. 53)	1.75	75
1875, 2c orange (No. 59)	1.25	40
1875, 6c ultra (No. 70)	6.00	2.00
Canada, 1863, 15c lilac, unused, o. g.	1.00	35
1869, 1c yellow, unused, o. g.	.12	05
1882, 3c vermilion, un'd, o. g.	.15	05
1882, 6c red brown, un'd, o. g.	.75	30
1892, 50c blue, unused, o. g.	1.00	60
Cape of Good Hope, 1865, 1p rose (No. 3)	3.00	1.00
1865, 6p lilac (No. 4)	5.00	1.50
1864, 1sh green (CC)	.75	25
1882, 6p bright violet (CA)	.50	20
1891, 4p blue, unused, o. g.	.75	25
Ceylon, 1857, 6p plum	6.00	2.00
1861, 1sh violet	2.50	90
1868, 3p rose	3.00	1.00
Chile, 1862, 20c green	3.75	1.25
1869, 30c rose carm. un'd, o. g.	1.00	30
1911, 1p green and black	.25	10
Colombian Rep., 1881, 5c lilac (No. 111)	.25	05
1886, 10p lilac rose (No. 126)	6.00	1.50
1903, 5p brown, unused, o. g.	.40	10
1903, 10p claret, unused, o. g.	.75	20
Cook Islands, 1893, 10p green No. 13, unused, o. g.	3.00	1.00
Danish West Indies, 1865, 3c dark carmine (No. 1)	4.00	1.50
1855, 3c rose (No. 2)	.65	25
Dominica, 1874, 1p violet, CC, 12 1/2	1.25	45
1879, 1/2p bistre, unused, o. g.	1.50	50
1879, 1p violet CC, 14	1.00	40

1914 Catalogue and Price List.

FOREIGN	Catalogue Price.	Our Price.
Egypt, 1866, 5pa slate green, unused, o. g.	1.25	50
1866, 5pa rose, unused	7.50	3.50
1884, 5pa gray, unused, o. g.	.60	25
1889, 10pa purple, unused, o. g.	1.25	55
Fernando Po, 1879, 5c green, un'd	2.50	80
1882, 1c green, unused	.75	30
Finland, 1866, 8p green	.50	20
1866, 10p yellow	1.25	50
1866, 1m yellow brown	6.25	2.50
1875, 8p blue green	1.25	40
1875, 1m violet	.60	20
1891, 1r brown and orange	.85	35
Great Britain, 1847, 1sh green	1.50	60
1856, 1sh green	1.00	40
1862, 3p rose	1.50	50
1862, 1sh green	.60	20
1867, 9p bistre	1.50	60
1867, 10p red brown	1.75	75
1867, 2sh blue	.75	25
1867, 5sh rose	2.50	85
1872, 6p brown (No. 61)	.60	20
1872, 6p gray (No. 62)	.60	20
1872, 1sh green	.50	15
1876, 4p olive green	.65	20
1880, 4p drab (No. 75)	3.00	90
1880, 1sh salmon (No. 76)	3.00	1.00
Guatemala, 1902, 20c brn, un'd, o. g.	.30	10
1902, 25c blue green un'd, o. g.	.40	10
1903, 25c on 150c, dark blue, unused, o. g.	2.00	50
Hawaii Is., 1864, 6c green	.60	20
1882, 5c ultra, unused, o. g.	1.00	45
1883, 10c brown, unused, o. g.	1.50	60
1883, 50c red	7.00	3.00
1883, 1.00 rose red un'd, o. g.	13.50	5.00
Hongkong, 1862, 48c rose	4.00	1.75
1863, 2c brown	.50	20
1863, 4c slate	.25	10
1863, 8c orange buff	.35	15
1863, 12c blue	.25	10
1863, 24c green	.50	20
1863, 30c vermilion	1.00	40
1863, 48c rose	1.00	40
1863, 96c gray	1.00	40
1882, 10c blue green (No. 37a)	1.75	75
1903, 100.00 orange and black	4.00	2.00
New Brunswick, 1851, 3p red	6.00	2.00
1860, 1c lilac unused, o. g.	.50	20
1860, 10c vermilion, un'd, o. g.	.50	20
Newfoundland, 1863, 8p rose, unused, o. g.	3.50	1.50
1866, 2c green	1.25	50
1866, 10c black	2.50	1.00
1867, 1c violet, unused	1.25	50
1867, 3c blue	1.00	40

FOREIGN	Catalogue Price.	Our Price.
Newfoundland 1876, 3c blue	\$1.00	40
1876, 5c blue	.80	25
New Zealand, 1862, 6p black brown (No. 16)	10.00	3.25
1872, 6p blue (No. 46)	1.00	40
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Persia, 1879, 1k brown and black	.35	15
1880, 10s violet and black	1.00	40
1882, 10fr buff, red and black	.75	35
1902, 10k dark blue (No. 256)	.35	10
Porto Rico, 1882, 10c dark grn. un'd	.60	15
1882, 40c blue	.60	20
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St. Lucia, 1864, 1p blk., un'd (No. 7)	1.50	60
1864, 4p yellow, un'd, (No. 8)	7.50	3.00
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1885, 5p on 6p lake, un'd, o. g.	1.00	45
Salvador 1874, 2r green (No. 11)	.60	20
1900, 5c blue (No. 273c)	.15	05
1900, 10c blue (No. 274)	.15	05
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1905, 10c blue (No. 304)	3.00	.75
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1905, 1c on 2c carm. (No. 312)	.18	05
1905, 5c on 12c slate (No. 317)	.40	10
1905, 6c on 12c slate (No. 323)	2.50	.75
1906, 1c grn. & blk. (No. 336a)	.25	10
Spain, 1864, 2c blue, unused, o. g.	1.00	40
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Turks Is., 1867, 1p rose, unused	4.00	1.25
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5c Dark Violet, No. 318	.60	05
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2c Carmine, No. 321	.12	05
1908-09, 1c Green, No. 323	.15	05
1c Imperforate, No. 323A	.15	05
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2c Imperforate, No. 324A	.20	05
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DEATH OF PRINCE DORIA.

The name of Prince Doria of Italy has been a familiar one to stamp collectors for years and Greibert's *Philatelic Notes* just at hand informs us of his death at Rome late in November. The prince was born in Rome in 1851, his mother being Lady Mary Talbot.

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EDITORIAL.

Closed Issue—From Mr. T. C. E. Hunter, Topeka, Kansas, we learn that while he was in Kansas City, Mo., recently, he discovered that the authorities at Washington "have forwarded instructions to the postmaster at Kansas City, Missouri, not to issue or sell any 'provisionally rouletted' stamps nor anything out of the regular order of supply. From enquiries I gather that there were not so very many of these stamps that got into dealers' hands. Anyhow the chapter is now closed." Sure.

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Revenue Rulings—Mr. W. C. Michaels of Kansas City, Mo., writes: "I have not yet noticed in any of the stamp papers any reference to Treasury Decision 2067, of November 23, 1914. I enclose copy of the last two paragraphs of that decision which I think will be interesting to collectors of revenue stamps." We do not remember having referred specifically to the methods of cancellation prescribed by the decision, as follows: "In any and all cases where an adhesive stamp shall be used for denoting any tax imposed by Schedule A of the act of October 22, 1914, the person using or affixing the same shall write or stamp thereon, with ink, the initials of his name and the date (year, month, and day) in which the same shall be attached or used; or shall, by cutting and cancelling said stamp with a machine or punch, which will affix the initials and date as aforesaid, so deface the stamp as to render it unfit for reuse. The cancellation by either method should not so deface the stamp as to prevent its denomination and genuineness from being readily determined. In addition to the foregoing, stamps of the value of ten cents or more shall have three parallel incisions made by some sharp instrument lengthwise through the stamp after the stamp has been attached to the document; *Provided*, This will not be required where the stamps are canceled by perforation." Elsewhere, under the heading, "Documentary Stamps" various rulings of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue will be found.

WAR ISSUES

Austria, 7h and 12h charity	\$.12
Belgium, 1c, 1c, 1c, 2c, 5c, 5c, 10c cancelled Havre, on cover30
Bosnia, 7h, 12h charity14
France, 15c red cross, surcharged08
France, 15c red cross, second issue06
French Morocco, 15c red cross08
Germany Surcharged Belgium, 3c, 5c, 10c, 25c20
Same set used on cover35
Hungary, 7h, 12h charity16
Monaco, 15c red cross08
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Russian War Issue—The new Russian war stamps make a brave showing. They are of the values of one, three, seven and ten kopecks, respectively, each of which is sold for one kopeck additional, the extra charge being a levy for the benefit of widows and children of soldiers killed in the campaigns. The designs some of which have been illustrated in the newspapers are striking and the colors are distinctive, being, in effect, three for each stamp, as the design is bi-colored and printed on yellow, pink, cream and bluish papers, respectively. The one kopeck has a fighter in full panoply of war; the three kopeck shows the soldier bidding his mother adieu; the seven kopeck, a patroness saint or fairy god-mother protecting the children who are left behind; and the ten kopeck depicts St. George slaying the dragon. The domestic rates for Russia are seven kopecks, a loth or a unit of weight slightly less than a half ounce; five kopecks, a loth, for letters circulating in the district of St. Petersburg or of Moscow and in the district of any other city, each loth, three kopecks.

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Stitch In Time—A note of warning should be sounded against the tendency which is somewhat marked at this time of year of the boy collector to scan or work at his stamps in the declining daylight of the late afternoons. A reader advises us that it is his opinion that not a few young students of stamps bring harm to their eyes by close application to stamps under conditions that are trying to the optic nerves. It is self-evident that collectors should be alive to conserving their eye strength by not straining their eyes unconsciously in the "dimming day" period. Time does slip by stealthily when the enthusiast is engaged with his stamps and he may find that he has been taken unawares by the darkness that grew gradually. A good light, natural or artificial, is demanded for stamp work and it is really imperative that the young collector recognize the need to safe-guard his eyes by not attempting to study stamps in the fading light. We wish to impress upon the young collector that he should have the subject of his eyes in mind when he takes out his stamps these afternoons. We can conceive that stamp work may be made to strengthen the eyes when it is pursued under the light of day or the full glow of the evening lamp. We repeat that it is well to have all the stamp pleasure possible, but if it is gained at the expense of the well-being of the eyes, it is all too costly.

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Mended Stamps—Recently, an experienced stamp man in speaking of philatelic conditions in Europe where he had been just before the war started said that the continental dealers as a whole were of very good class and would not try to hoodwink the casual buyer. About the only precaution that one had to take when buying from the dealers who were only on the fringe of philatelic society, so to say, was to be on the lookout for mended stamps which would deceive any one who did not scrutinize them closely. Conditions in this country are not bet-

ter, if as good, as while recognized dealers would not descend knowingly to palming off a mended stamp for one supposed to be in fine condition, yet the circulation of damaged stamps is not unknown by any means. Any dealer who sells defective stamps for faultless specimens with malice aforethought is not to be tolerated but there is another phase of this question to be considered. Through inadvertence or ignorance on the part of the seller the mended stamp sometimes is made to pose as the perfect one. The distribution of such stamps by the careless or untutored philatelist should be curbed as much as possible and specimens should be subjected to the closest scrutiny. The fact that the seller who unwittingly makes a mistake is willing to rectify it relieves the person from being charged with fraud but it is readily seen how unpleasant controversies could arise in the process of settlement. In the absence of any specific remedy to cure this ill from which philately may be said to be suffering, we can suggest only utmost caution by the seller of any specimens that might be open to suspicion. We can understand how objection might be raised to the word, "Mended" stamped on the back of the manipulated specimen as the tendency is growing not to mark the reverse of the stamp in any permanent way, in view of the fact that so many mended stamps already have been set loose without any distinguishing mark. If some of our readers in the ripeness of their experience can assist us in coping with this problem we should be pleased to hear from them.

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Jackson's Frank—We have just seen two autograph letters of President Andrew Jackson on which the "Free" as well as the frank, "Andrew Jackson" was written with pen by the president. The letters which were dated in 1829 and 1832 respectively were enclosed in hand-made envelopes and the assumption is that Old Hickory made and sealed the "envelopes" as well. One of the covers bears the "City of Washington" postmark and the other, "Washington City."

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AMONG OUR PATRONS.

This number of the WEEKLY proves conclusively that so far as the stamp market is concerned, there is no dearth of business. The fact that we are able to issue so large a paper replete with literary matter and advertising bargains will be very gratifying to all our readers.

We shall send out several thousand sample copies of this particular number and we earnestly hope that the paper will be carefully perused and many new subscribers gained. We have many useful premiums that are given with new subscriptions and we bespeak a careful reading of the list published elsewhere in this issue.

Many quarter page and several half page advertisements will be found in this number and we are pleased to call the attention of our subscribers to some details in connection with the business of the firms represented.

Perrin & Co. is a well established New York firm and an advertiser in the WEEKLY of long standing. The business is under the personal supervision of Mr. Albert Perrin, who is a thorough philatelist and a dealer of strict integrity. The firm uses a half page in this number and the advertisement is well worth perusal.

Another half page exploits the new issues service of Hugo Griebert & Co., whose "Service that Serves" has come to be a popular by-word. Mr. Griebert is "delivering the goods" in new issues, as anyone will readily understand who does business with the firm. At the same time Mr. Griebert wishes it to be remembered that he has a fine general stock, one of the best in Europe. The firm is highly pleased with the success its new issues service is attaining here in America.

Chas. A. Townsend uses a quarter page to announce his 1c approval books. The manner in which he has exploited these books in the WEEKLY is the surest indication of their popularity.

The dealer interested in wholesale offerings will find in the Handshaw and Fulton advertisements some bargains well worth examination. Many small American dealers will be glad to avail themselves of these bargain offers. There is no reason why American enterprise and money should not be able to compete with the European wholesaler. We hope that other dealers will follow their example in wholesale offerings to the American trade.

B. W. H. Poole, whose name has now become a household word with WEEKLY readers, takes a quarter page for the first time, and his announcement of stamps in perfect condition at 50% of catalogue or less will be sure to attract attention. The countries represented are popular and this advertisement will surely be of interest.

Another quarter page is taken by W. S. Aldrich, who has been a regular advertiser in the WEEKLY for some years and has used several of these quarter pages. He no doubt feels that this bargain in advertising space is one which should be taken advantage of and we can compliment Mr. Aldrich by saying that he has a clear record all the way through so far as his dealings with WEEKLY subscribers are concerned.

The auction advertisement of V. Mozian will command special attention occupying the prominent position that it does. Mr. Mozian is remembered as the proprietor of the old stamp firm the Ararat Stamp Co. and our relationship with him has always been of the most satisfactory character.

Just as we are closing the forms of the WEEKLY we receive over a quarter page of advertising from the Garden City Stamp Co. of Chicago, one of the newer Chicago firms and a very enterprising one. Their advertising has been frequently found in the WEEKLY and we are pleased to have the firm represented in this number.

We have also received attractive quarter page advertisements from Frank S. Parmelee and Andrew Sledd, Jr., that come just in time to get into this number. We can vouch for the absolute reliability of both of these patrons of our columns.

CHEAPEST WHOLESALE U. S. IN THE WORLD

UNITED STATES.		Per 10.	Per 100	UNITED STATES.		Per 10.	Per 100
1887, 3c red	.....	\$ .10	\$1.00	1909, 2c Alaska	.....	.02	.15
1891, 1c blue	.....	1.00		1909, 2c Fulton	.....	.02	.15
1891, 3c red	.....	.03	.20	1912, 2c Panama	.....	.05	.25
1891, 2c black	.....	.60		1908, 1c green	.....	.02	.10
1870, 2c grill	.....	.50		1908, 3c violet	.....	.02	.10
1870, 3c grill	.....	.15	1.25	1908, 4c brown	.....	.02	.10
1871, 1c blue, No. 145	.....	.30	3.00	1908, 5c blue	.....	.02	.10
1871, 2c brown, No. 146	.....	.15	1.25	1908, 6c orange	.....	.03	.15
1871, 3c green, No. 147	.....	.05	.30	1908, 8c olive	.....	.03	.20
1871, 6c carmine	.....	.20		1908, 10c yellow	.....	.06	
1873, 1c blue, No. 156	.....	.08	.75	1908, 15c blue	.....	.10	.70
1873, 2c brown, No. 157	.....	.15	1.25	Spec. Del., 1885 blue	.....	.20	1.00
1873, 3c green, No. 158	.....	.12	.06	Spec. Del., 1895 orange	.....	.30	2.00
1875, 2c hard paper, No. 178	.....	.12	.10	Spec. Del., 1895 blue	.....	.05	.30
1879, 1c, No. 182	.....	.05	.30	Spec. Del., 1902 Bicycle	.....	.05	.25
1879, 2c, No. 183	.....	.04	.20	Spec. Del., 1908 green	.....	.50	
1879, 3c, No. 184	.....	.01	.05	Unpaid, 1c brown	.....	.08	.50
1879, 10c brown, No. 188	.....	.15	1.00	Unpaid, 2c brown	.....	.05	.25
1882, 1c blue, No. 206	.....	.01	.05	Unpaid, 1c red brown	.....	.04	.30
1882, 3c green, No. 207	.....	.01	.05	Unpaid, 2c red brown	.....	.03	.30
1882, 10c brown, No. 209	.....	.05	.40	Unpaid, 1c claret	.....	.02	.15
1883, 2c red brown, No. 210	.....	.03		Unpaid, 2c claret	.....	.02	.15
1887, 2c green, No. 212	.....	.03		Unpaid, 1895, 1c claret	.....	.02	.15
1887, 1c blue, No. 214	.....	.03		Unpaid, 1895, 2c claret	.....	.02	.10
1890, 1c blue, No. 219	.....	.05		Unpaid, 1895, 3c claret	.....	.10	.75
1890, 2c lake, No. 219D	.....	.05	.40	Unpaid, 1895, 30c claret	.....	1.00	6.00
1890, 2c carmine, No. 220	.....	.03		Civil War Revenues.			
1890, 3c brown, No. 222	.....	.02	.15	25c Certificate	.....	.02	.15
1890, 8c lilac, No. 225	.....	.05	.70	50c Entry	.....	.10	.75
1890, 10c green, No. 226	.....	.03	.25	50c Conveyance	.....	.10	.75
1893, Columbus, 1c blue	.....	.05		50c Original Process	.....	.05	.40
1893, Columbus, 2c violet	.....	.03		50c Mortgage	.....	.25	1.00
1893, Columbus, 4c blue	.....	.10	.75	50c Surety Bond	.....	.25	2.00
1893, Columbus, 8c magenta	.....	.10	1.50	Entry	.....	.25	2.00
1893, Columbus, 10c brown	.....	.10	.75	Power of Atty.	.....	.25	2.00
1895, 1c blue asst.	.....	.03		Inland Ex.	.....	.10	.80
1895, 2c carmine asst.	.....	.02	.15	1898, Revenues, 1c gray	.....	.02	.05
1895, 3c purple	.....	.02	.15	1898, Revenues, 1c blue	.....	.02	.05
1895, 4c brown	.....	.10		1898, Revenues, 2c carmine	.....	.02	.05
1895, 5c chocolate	.....	.20		1898, Revenues, 3c blue	.....	.03	.25
1895, 8c puce	.....	.03	.10	1898, Revenues, 4c rose	.....	.03	.25
1895, 10c green	.....	.05	.65	1898, Revenues, 5c lilac	.....	.02	.10
1898, 1c green	.....	.10		1898, Revenues, 10c brown	.....	.02	.08
1898, 4c red-brown	.....	.05	.30	1898, Revenues, 10c purple	.....	.03	.15
1898, 6c lake	.....	.02	.20	1898, Revenues, 10c lilac	.....	.15	1.00
1898, 10c orange brown	.....	.05	.50	1898, Revenues, 50c slate	.....	.02	.10
1898, 1c green, Trans-Miss.	.....	.03	.20	1898, Revenues, \$1 green	.....	.25	1.50
1898, 2c red, Trans-Miss.	.....	.03	.80	1898, Revenues, \$3 brown	.....	.40	2.00
1901, 1c green and black	.....	.02	.10	1898, Revenues, \$5 red	.....	.10	.30
1901, 2c red and black	.....	.02	.10	1898, Revenues, \$1 carmine	.....	.10	.25
1902-3, 1c green	.....	.04	.15	1898, Revenues, \$1 gray	.....	.10	.25
1902-3, 3c violet	.....	.02	.20	1898, Revenues, \$2 gray	.....	.10	.25
1902-3, 4c brown	.....	.02	.20	1898, Revenues, \$1 green & black	.....	.10	.50
1902-3, 5c blue	.....	.02	.20	1898, Revenues, \$2 green & black	.....	.10	.50
1902-3, 6c claret	.....	.05	.25	SETS OF UNITED STATES STAMPS.			
1902-3, 8c violet	.....	.03	.10	Retail.	Per 10.	Sets	
1902-3, 10c brown	.....	.15	1.25	25 Varieties	.....	\$ .05	\$.20
1902-3, 13c purple black	.....	.08	.60	50 Varieties	.....	.10	.50
1902-3, 15c olive	.....	.03	.20	100 Varieties	.....	.40	1.50
1903, 2c flag stamp	.....	.03	.20	200 Varieties	.....	1.00	6.00
1904, 2c Louisiana	.....	.03	.20	10 Varieties N. Y. Revs.	.....	.10	.50
1907, 2c Jamestown03	.20	20 Varieties N. Y. Revs.25	1.00
1909, 2c Lincoln02	.15	1000 New York Revs., many varieties only	\$1.50	

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102 W. 42nd St., NEW YORK

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2s ultramarine, unused and fine, No. 1.	\$2.25	5a green, No. 74, used	.02
4s carmine, unused, No. 2	.15	6a grey brown, No. 75, used	.03
8s brown, unused, No. 3	.80	10a carlet, No. 76, used	.02
16s yellow, unused, No. 4	2.00	15a red and green, No. 77, used	.06
3s grey, unused, No. 5	1.25	16a brown, No. 78, used	.08
4s carm. slightly off cent. No. 6, un'd	2.00	20a blue, No. 79, used	.06
16s yellow, unused, No. 7	.75	25a bistre and green, No. 80, used	.10
5a blue, No. 8, used, fair	2.00	40a claret and violet, No. 81, used	.15
5a blue, No. 9, unused	.06	50a grey and violet, No. 82, used	.20
6a grey, No. 10, used	.02	1k blue and brown, No. 83, used	.50
10a carmine, No. 11, used	.12	2k brown and green, No. 84, used	1.25
16a brown, No. 12, used	.35	5k brown and slate, No. 85, used	2.00
20a violet, No. 13, unused	.35	1c green, No. 86, used	.61
48a green, No. 14, unused	1.00	3a brown, No. 87, used	.02
5a orange, No. 15, used	.06	4a ultramarine, No. 88, used	.02
5a green, No. 16, used	.02	5a green, No. 89, used	.02
20a blue, No. 17, used	.05	6a grey, No. 90, used	.02
40a red violet, No. 18, used	.12	10a red, No. 91, used	.03
50a blue and claret, No. 19, used	.40	15a violet, No. 92, used	.05
100a brown and violet, No. 20, used	.80	20a pale blue, No. 93, used	.06
3a on 5 green, No. 21, unused	4.00	25a orange, No. 94, used	.08
3a on 5 green, No. 22, unused	3.50	50a claret, No. 95, used	.38
3a on 5 green, No. 23, used	2.50	1k yellow, No. 96, used	.35
3a on 5 green, No. 24, unused	4.00	2k rose, No. 97, used	.75
5a orange, No. 25, used	.06	5k brown, No. 98, used	2.00
5a green, No. 26, used	.03	4s green, No. 151, unused	8.00
5a grey, No. 27, used	.05	18s lilac, No. 152, unused	2.50
10a carmine, No. 28, used	.02	4s green, No. 153, unused	.25
16a brown, No. 28a, used	.50	3a yellow, No. 154, unused	.10
20a blue, No. 29, used	.06	5a brown, No. 155, unused	.05
4a rose and grey, No. 30, used	.10	10a blue, No. 156, used	.06
25a brown and blue, No. 31, used	.30	16a carmine, No. 157, unused	.25
3a yellow, No. 32, used	.06	20a green, No. 158, used	.09
3a orange, No. 34, used	.03	50a lilac, No. 159, unused	.30
4a grey and rose, No. 35, used	.03	3a yellow, No. 160, unused	.06
5a green, No. 36, used	.02	4a grey, No. 161, used	.08
6a grey, No. 37, used	.04	10a ultramarine, No. 162, unused	.15
10a carmine, No. 38, used	.02	3a buff and black, No. 163, used	.06
16a chocolate, No. 39, used	.08	4a green and black, No. 164, used	.02
20a blue, No. 40, used	.05	5a brown and black, No. 165, used	.05
25a brown and green, No. 41, used	.12	10a ultramarine & black, No. 166, used	.04
40a violet, No. 42, used	.15	16a carmine and black, No. 167, used	.08
50a grey and black, No. 43, used	.25	20a green and black, No. 168, unused	.15
1k blue and yellow, No. 44, used	.50	50a violet ad black, No. 169, used	.26
5a green, No. 45, used	.07	3a yellow, No. 170, used	.08
6a grey, No. 46, used	.06	4a green, No. 171, used	.10
20a blue, No. 47, used	.12	5a brown, No. 172, unused	.06
25a brown and blue, No. 48, used	.25	10a ultramarine, No. 173, used	.08
3a yellow, No. 50, used	.10	20a green, No. 173G, used	.15
4a rose and grey, No. 51, used	.30	10a carmine, No. 177, used	.35
10a carmine, No. 54, used	.08	20a green, No. 178, unused	.18
16a brown, No. 55, used	.35	50a lilac, No. 179, used	.25
40a violet, No. 58, used	.35	3a yellow and grey, No. 180, used	.02
50a blue and carmine, No. 59, used	.40	4a green and grey, No. 181, used	.02
100a brown and violet, No. 68, unused	1.00	5a orange and grey, No. 182, used	.02
2k brown and blue, No. 69, used	1.00	10a blue and grey, No. 183, unused	.04
5k brown & blue, No. 70, used or un'd	2.00	15a blue, No. 184, used	.06
1c green and red, No. 71, used	2.01	16a carmine and grey, No. 185, used	.06
3a brown and orange, No. 72, used	.02	20a yellow green & grey, No. 186, used	.06
4a grey and carmine, No. 73, used	.02	50a violet and grey, No. 187, used	.18

PERFECTION

AT HALF CATALOG!

Is the only word that adequately describes the condition of the stamps offered below. All are in MINT CONDITION and prices are, with few exceptions, HALF CATALOGUE OR LESS. Early application is desirable as, in most cases, only one of each is on hand.

Bechuanaland 1s green, No. 28	2.50	Jhind 1886, 1r, No. 48	12.50
1s green, No. 54	2.00	1886, 3r, No. 61	8.00
British Central Africa 1891, 10s, No. 10	3.00	1886, 5r, No. 62	12.00
1892, 4s on 5s, No. 15	2.50	Mauritius 1879, 38c, No. 65	2.00
1893, 3s, No. 18	1.00	1879, 2r 50c, No. 67	1.25
1895, 3s, No. 27	2.50	1883, 16c on 17c, No. 78	1.00
British East Africa 1890, 1r grey, No. 24,		Nabha 1885, 1r, No. 10	5.00
straight edge at left	2.50	Service 12a, No. 113	1.75
1896, 2r, No. 84	1.50	Service 1r, No. 114	5.00
1896, 4r, No. 85	1.60	Service 1r, No. 115	2.00
1896, 5r, No. 86	2.00	Natal 1869, 1d, No. 38	1.00
1897, 1/2anna, No. 87	2.25	1869, 3d, No. 39	1.25
1897, 1anna, No. 91	1.50	1870, 6d, No. 49	1.75
1897, 7/2anna, No. 92	1.50	1870, 1s, No. 50	1.75
1897, 1anna, No. 92a	2.50	1874, 3d, No. 52	1.25
1897, 2 1/2 on 3a, No. 96	1.75	1878, 4d, No. 55	1.25
Cape of Good Hope 1879, 3d on 4d, No. 27	1.25	1878, 5s, No. 57	2.50
1884, 1s, No. 45	3.75	1877, 1/2d on 1d, No. 59	1.25
1891, 1s, No. 50	1.25	1877, 1d on 6d, No. 62	1.25
1893, 5s, No. 56	2.00	1877, 1d on 6d, No. 63	2.00
Chamba 1890, 2 1/2a, No. 5	1.00	1882, 1/2d, No. 65	1.25
1886, 2 rupees, No. 13	2.70	1882, 3d, No. 68	1.25
1886, 5 rupees, No. 15	4.50	New Republic 1886, 3d, No. 3	2.50
Service 12a, No. 58	1.50	1886, 6d, No. 5	2.50
Service 1r, No. 60	1.00	1886, 6s, No. 12	3.00
Faridkot 1886, 1r, No. 108	2.25	1886, 3d, No. 21, str. edge left	1.00
1886, 1r, No. 109	1.25	1886, 1d, No. 41	1.00
Service 1r, No. 208	2.50	1886, 2d, No. 42	1.50
Service 1r, No. 209	3.00	1887, 2s, No. 49	2.00
Gwalior 1885, 1a 6p, No. 3	3.75	1887, 4s, No. 51	2.00
1885, 2a, No. 4	1.25	1887, 5s, No. 52	2.00
1885, 4a, No. 11	1.25	1887, 7s 6d, No. 54	3.00
1885, 9 pies, No. 14	2.50	Patiala 1884, 4a, No. 4	1.00
Service 8a, No. 106	1.25	Rhodesia 1891, 1s, No. 7	1.00
Hong Kong 1890, \$1, No. 45	2.50	1891, 2s 6d, No. 8	1.00
India 1855-57, 2a, No. 13	7.50	1891, 5s, No. 10	2.00
1855-57, 2a, No. 15	3.75	1891, 10s, No. 11	3.75
Service 8 pies, No. 207	3.50	1899, 4d pair, No. 61a	6.00
Jhind 1885, 4a, No. 38	1.50	Zanzibar 1895, 1r, No. 12	1.25
1885, 2a, No. 41	3.00	1895, 2r, No. 13	2.00
1885, 4a, No. 42	3.00	1895, 3r, No. 14	2.25
1885, 8a, No. 43	3.00	1895, 2 1/2 on 2a, No. 30	1.00
1885, 1r, No. 44	4.50	1896, 2 1/2a, No. 37	2.25
1886, 2a, No. 46	5.00	Zululand 1888, 6d, No. 6	2.00
1890, 4a, No. 47	6.00		

B. W. H. POOLE

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1908, 10, 20 piastre No. 1063, 1064 fine..	.40
Cameroon 1897, 10pf	.10
German China 1906, 20pf No. 341	.13
Mexico 1910, 50c, 12c; 1 peso	.18
New Zealand 1902, 9d No. 117	.14
Russia 1914, Romanoff, 1 rouble	.35

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PRICES ADVANCING ON JAPAN

These are "GOOD BUYS"	
Korea Jubilee 3s rose (1906)	.09
Military Jubilee 1 1/2s blue, scarce	.12
Obsolete 5 yen, beauties	.11
Obsolete 10 yen, beauties	.27
Set complete 1/2 sen to 1 yen 1913 on un-	
watermarked paper in use only few mos.	.72
Sets 1/2 sen to 25 sen (comp. except 1 yen)	.23
Japan 1914, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 5, 10 sen	.03
Obsolete Japan China Rapidly Advancing	
1900, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50..each	.02
1900, 1 1/2 sen blue or 1 yen	.06
25 sen (might scarce)	.14
Japan Korea obsolete for years.	
1900, 3 sen, cat. 8c	.11
10 sen, 15 sen, 20 sen	.05
50 sen	.22
1 yen	.29
(Wake up if you think these prices high—	
we'll pay high for some Jap-Corea.)	
German Samoa first issue *3pf, 17c; *10pf,	
18c; *25pf, 68c.	

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10, 15, 20 sen, Nos. 10, 11, 12, cat. 19c..	.11
50 sen, No. 13, cat. 35c	.20
1 yen, No. 14, cat. 50c	.30

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Salvador 1897, 50c purple No. 109 mint	2.50
Guatemala '98 prov. error No. 77c used	10.00
Finland '80, 2p-1m. Nos. 38-43, mint, 6 va.	1.70
Nicar. Zelaya 20c brn., No. 346, used 5.00	.50
Hawaii '89-99, Nos. 53, 55-56-57, 59, 81 mint	.94
Newfoundland, well assorted, per 100	.40
British Colonials, 500 var. mounted fine..	6.50
20th Cent. 1000 var. mounted fine, no re-	
prints, cut sq. tals., postals or revs..	6.50

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NEW REVENUES ON POSTAGE PAPER.

The Economist Stamp Co., through the kindness of its manager, Edward Stern, submits a bit of information supplementary to what was published last week in connection with the new revenue stamps printed on U. S. P. S. paper. In addition to Mr. Kimball's chronicle we have the following values to report:

Documentary:—1/2c.
Wines and Cordials:—40c.

Answering Mr. Kimball's question concerning the "1/2, 1, 2 and 3c proprietaries" the following from G. E. Fletcher, deputy commissioner of internal revenues, will be of value:—

"In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, please note that the 1/2c, 1c, 2c, and 3c stamps are wine stamps, and not proprietary stamps.

At the time the printing of these new stamps began, the Internal Revenue Bureau was unable to get paper soon enough and borrowed something over a million sheets of postage stamp paper, which was used as far as it went until the new paper was received. Practically all kinds of stamps were printed with the postage stamp paper, but it did not last very long, and it is impossible to tell just how many were sent out of this kind."

A ROCHESTER CELEBRATION.

On January 19 the Rochester Numismatic Association united with the Rochester Philatelic Association in a dinner attended by thirty-nine of Rochester's leading coin and stamp collectors. The toastmaster of the occasion was Andrew Ludolph and the following were the after-dinner speakers: Harry E. Montgomery, of the Buffalo bar, on "The Hobby Best Worth While"; H. F. Ottley on "Mints and Mince, Stamped"; and Jeremiah Zimmerman D. D. of Syracuse University on "Excursions in Numismatics."

We are indebted to Paul C. Wild of the Covert Stamp Co. for a menu of the occasion and it is evident that the entire affair was well planned and executed.

A TRIAL of our APPROVAL SELECTIONS will certainly convince you

They contain many hard-to-get stamps in only FIRST-CLASS condition, free from paper with exceptionally low prices. Please give your references.
"WE SUPPLY ALSO FINE WHOLESALE SELECTIONS TO RESPONSIBLE BUYERS"
Judgment from Mr. A. S. J. in Omaha, Nebr.: "I must compliment you on the fine condition of your stamps and have stopped all other approval selections but yours as you are deserving of business and I intend giving it to you."
Mr. F. O. in Buffalo writes us: "Allow me to say that your selections are about the best I have received from any stamp dealer in the last four years. Well centered and clean."
Judgment from Mr. E. B. G. in Beloit, Wis.: "Enclosed find returns on approval. Your book is the best I have yet received."
Mr. R. B. St. in Boston, Mass., says: "I was very much pleased with the approval books you sent me." Etc., etc.
Original letters on file at our office.

SPECIAL FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY!!!		55 TO 75% FROM SCOTT'S CAT.	
3 U. S. No. 310, 11, 53	.40	Nicaragua, No. 173, 74, cat. \$1.35	.45
3 U. S. 1901 Pan Am. 5, 8, 10c*	.35	Nicaragua 1905, 1 peso, cat. 40c	.15
3 U. S. Post Sav. 1, 2, 10 and \$1	.45	12 North Borneo 1909, 1-24c, fine picture, cat. \$1.42	.50
2 U. S. 1895, 30 and 50c Due	.40	5 Liberia 1903, 10c, cat. \$1.25	.50
10 U. S. P. P. 1-50c not pre.	.35	10 Liberia Off. 1909, 1-75, cat. \$3.46	1.35
2 U. S. Newsp. No. 1013, 30, cat. \$2.00	.75	Peru No. 265, 68, cat. \$1.90	.70
U. S. Rev. 10c Prop. No. 2976, cat. \$2.00	.75	Russia 1905, 10 ruble	.22
Austria 1908, 1, 2, 5k	.10	Russia, Romanoff, 1 ruble, cat. 75c	.35
Bahamas 4p, No. 14, cat. \$2.00	.75	Russia, Romanoff, 70 and 1r	.55
4p, No. 18, cat. \$1.25	.50	Salvador \$1, No. 888, cat. 75c	.15
6 Bosnia 1900, 1-10h	.06	2 Tunis 35 and 75c, No. 36, 207	.05
Dom. Rep. 1901, 50c and 1p	1.25	Turkey 1867, 2 and 5 pia, cat. \$1.35	.35
8 Ecuador 1908, 1c to 1s cpl.	.85	Turkey Newsp. No. 538, 39, 40, cat. 48c	.20
Germ. Lev. No. 501, 02, 11, cat. \$3.60	1.50	12 Sweden 1912, 1-50 cpl.	.08
Hawaiian 18c, No. 34, cat. \$1.25	.50	11 Sweden Off. 1912, 1-35 cpl.	.14
Hawaiian 25c, No. 64, cat. \$2.50	1.00	U. S. 1910, 3, 4, 5c* perf. 8 1/2	.18
Lagos 1sh, No. 17*	.40	U. S. same in pairs	.40
Luxemburg 40 var. fine lot	.70		
Montenegro 1907, 1-50p, cat. 60c	.25		

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This was decided upon yesterday at a meeting of the governors of the Aero Club of America.

The races will start from New York, Washington and Boston, taking the place of the "round the world" flight, abandoned on account of the war.—Chicago *American*.

HARTFORD'S ACTIVE CLUB.

At the meeting of the Hartford Collectors' Club on January 18, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Henry S. Redfield; Vice President, W. H. Way; Secretary, W. L. Phillips; Treasurer, Dr. W. C. Allen. Joseph Wachsteter was appointed librarian.

The club meets in the Woman's Exchange Building, 24 Lewis St., every Monday evening; the first and third Monday of each month being a business meeting, the others being informal. Out of town collectors who may be visiting or passing through Hartford are cordially invited to visit the club.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—In our issue of January 16, Bill Bloss made mention of the fact that he was not very well posted in connection with consular fee stamps and did not know where they could be obtained. It would be well for some of our dealer friends to advertise this set, and it would no doubt be profitable. Clarendon Bangs calls our attention to the fact that he has never seen the \$10 value and this value is also missing from the managing editor's set.

—Two lists are at hand, a pretentious book of 72 pages from H. F. Colman of Washington, D. C., who prices a large variety of U. S. stamps and colonies; the other list is from the Wray Stamp Co. and is a wholesale list, special attention being given to foreign stamps, which are priced per 10 and 100.

—Will George H. Phillips please send his address to this office?

—The Western Philatelic Association of Oakland, Calif. has elected the following officers for 1915: Henry Loeb, president; William G. Wilson, vice-president; Oliver G. Beardslee, Secretary; Philip Gray, treasurer; Oliver G. Beardslee, librarian and Dr. John F. Killen, sales and exchange manager.

—In the current number of *Printers' Ink* Frank L. Coes of Worcester attacks in a very caustic manner the "Made in the U. S. A." slogan now so much in favor in various sections of the country. His article bears the title "A Form of Geographical Snobbishness," and we are positive Mr. Coes will find his article much enjoyed by the readers of this popular publication.

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—D. M. Ward has sent us some lines to the 3c green to which reference was made two weeks ago, the lines being by Mr. Pember and taken from the *American Philatelist*. What we really desired was a poem written by Eugene Field and if any subscriber can supply it we shall be greatly obliged.

—In the current number of the *Postage Stamp* J. Murray Bartels registers a protest at the manner in which Cornelius Wrinkle of that publication is dealing with the war situation. The editor of the *Postage Stamp* replies to the communication at length.

—We are indebted to Joseph W. Beggs for some fourteen clippings, most of which, however, deal with coins and the parcel post system. Mr. Beggs submits a specimen of the label that is being used to advertise the convention of the National Philatelic Society to be held in New York, July 22, 23, 24. It is printed in two colors, brown and green, the central design showing a shield.

—There is a bit of the personal in many of the letters that come to the office of the WEEKLY but the following extract from a letter written by D. T. Eaton will be of more than passing interest:—

"I am acting on your suggestion and sending you an 'ad' for your big edition, as tomorrow is my sixtieth birthday and I thought I should do something to commemorate it. My father and mother, and all brothers and sisters, nine in all, are all living. I have never had a death in the family and that is something to be thankful for. My father and mother will have been married sixty-one years next ground hog day."

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Arthur Berg (2).

—"I sent you sometime ago a trial subscription to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS and I tell you I have enjoyed and profited greatly from it. I read it through and through, then put it on file on the magazine racks in the Boys' Department (for I am a Y. M. C. A. Secretary) and let the fellows grab for it. I tell you they enjoy it and

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4	323, 324, 325, 326, 327 imperforated block of four of each.....	2.32	108	1903, 4r (12).....	218	1902, 4sh (93).....
5	323 center block 4 with cross line.....	111	109	Egypt-Sudan 1904, 1m-1p (814-818) and 2p (822).....	219	1902, 5sh (94).....
6	324 center block 4 with cross line.....	112	110	Falkland Isl. 1892, 1sh (19).....	220	1902, 5sh (115).....
7	325 center block 4 with cross line.....	113	111	1898, 2sh 6p (20).....	221	Newfoundland 1857, 3p (3) used.....
8	326 center block 4 with cross line.....	114	112	1904, 1sh (27).....	222	1866, 12c (27) used.....
9	327 center block 4 with cross line.....	115	113	1904, 3sh (28).....	223	1886, 24c (20) lightly used.....
10	335, 336 imperf. block of 4 of each.....	.64	114	Fiji 1903, 1sh (67).....	224	1897 jubilee 1c-60c (61-74) comp. set.....
11	335 center block of 4 with cross line.....	116	115	1911, 1sh (76).....	225	1910, 1c-15c (87-97) comp. set.....
12	336 center block of 4 with cross line.....	117	116	Gambia 1886, 1sh (19).....	226	New Hebrides 1910, 2p, 2½p, 5p, 6p, 1sh (22-26) all used on a single envelope.....
13	Parcel Post 50c, 75c and \$1.00, three fine select copies lightly cancelled.....	2.35	117	1898, 1sh (27).....	227	New Hebrides 1910, ½p-1sh (20-26) complete set.....
14	India Proof. 1 pair 30c blue, green and rose (1869) with blue pencil mark.....	120	118	1902, 1sh (35).....	228	Nicaragua 1903, 1c-1p comp. (167-174) 1, 2, 5, 10 wrong colors, very rare, 5c alone priced \$3.75 in Gibbons.....
15	Card Board Proof Carriers. 1 Franklin (801) and 2 eagle (802).....	122	119	1902, 1sh 6p (36).....	229	1905, 1c-5p comp. (179-191).....
16	Card Board 5c, 1847 (28).....	123	120	1902, 2sh (37).....	230	1905, 1p, 2p, 5p (189-91).....
17	5c, 1847 (28) darker shade.....	124	121	1902, 2sh 6p (38).....	231	1912, 1p, 2p, 5p (307-9).....
18	10c, 1847 (29).....	125	122	1902, 3sh (39).....	232	1912, 1p, 2p, 5p (453-55).....
19	1851 set of 8 (1c-90c).....	126	123	1904, 4p (45).....	233	1905, 1c-5p (823-831).....
20	1861-66 set of 10 (1c-90c).....	127	124	1904, 1sh (50).....	234	1905, 1p, 2p, 5p (829-31).....
21	1861, 3c scarlet (74).....	128	125	1909, ½-sh (40, 43, 57-65).....	235	1912, 1c-5p complete except 4c and 50c (917-931).....
22	1861, 24c purple (60).....	129	126	1909, 1sh (65).....	236	Niger Coast 1893, 1sh (13).....
23	1861, 90c blue (72).....	130	127	1909, 1sh 6p (66).....	237	1893, 1sh (13a).....
24	1869 comp. set 10 stamps, 1c-90c.....	131	128	1909, 2sh (67).....	238	1894, 1sh (20).....
25	1869 block 4, 3c, 1 per. proof.....	132	129	1909, 2sh 6p (68).....	239	1898, 2sh 6p (54).....
26	Card Board Proof set of 11 stamps 1871 (1c-90c).....	133	130	1909, 3sh (69).....	240	1900, 1sh (57).....
27	set of 12 stamps (1875-1888).....	134	131	Gibraltar 1903, 1sh (43).....	241	Northern Nigeria 1902, 1sh (16).....
28	Nos. 178, 179, 205, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218.....	135	132	1903, 2sh (44).....	242	1902, 2sh 6p (17).....
29	Card Board Proof 1890 complete set of 11 stamps (1c-90c).....	136	133	1903, 4sh (45).....	243	1902, 10sh (18).....
30	1893 complete set of 16 stamps, Columbian Issue.....	137	134	1904, 1sh (53).....	244	1910, 1sh (35).....
31	set of 3 Newspaper stamps.....	138	135	1906, 4sh (64).....	245	1910, 2sh 6 (36).....
32	Abyssinia 1909, 2g, 4g, 8g, 16g.....	2.85	136	1906, 5sh (65).....	246	1910, 5sh (37).....
33	1913, Postage Due ½-16g comp. 34 1873, 4p (No. 10) used.....	3.05	137	1903, 50c (223).....	247	1910, 10sh (38).....
34	1873, 4p (No. 10) used.....	1.25	138	1903, 1p (224).....	248	Nyasaland 1908, 1sh (1).....
35	Australia 1913, ½-5sh Kangaroo.....	1.25	139	1903, 2p (225).....	249	Orange River Colony, 1903, 1sh (68).....
36	1913, ½-5sh same, used.....	1.48	140	1905, 1p (231).....	250	1903, 5sh (69).....
37	Postage Due 1p-5sh.....	1.05	141	1905, 2p (232).....	251	Panama 1906, 1 pair (184b) interesting variety.....
38	Bahamas 1875, 1sh No. 19.....	1.00	142	Gold Coast 1884, 1sh (19), 2sh (20).....	252	1907, ½c-50c (185-193).....
39	1898, 1sh No. 32.....	2.50	143	1902, 1sh (44).....	253	British New Guinea 1901, 6p (6).....
40	1902, 1sh No. 38.....	.60	144	1902, 2sh (41).....	254	1901, 1sh (7).....
41	1902, 5sh No. 39.....	2.50	145	1902, 5sh (46).....	255	same, another shade.....
42	1903, 2sh, 3sh (Nos. 42, 43).....	2.10	146	1902, 10sh (47).....	256	British South Africa 1896, 10sh (39).....
43	1912, 5sh.....	1.85	147	1907, 1sh (62).....	257	St. Helena 1882, 1sh on 6p (27).....
44	Barbados 1892, 2sh 6p (No. 78).....	2.75	148	1907, 2sh (63).....	258	1903, 1sh (54).....
45	1897, 2sh 6p blued paper (87a).....	1.25	149	1911, 2sh 6p (66).....	259	1903, 2sh (55).....
46	1904, 6p (96).....	2.50	150	Great Britain 1883, 9p (106) used.....	260	1903, 1sh (57).....
47	1904, 8p (97).....	2.50	151	1887, 1sh (122).....	261	1903, 2sh (58).....
48	1904, 2sh 6p (99).....	2.50	152	1900, 1sh (126).....	262	1903, 2sh 6 (59).....
49	1905, 1sh (106).....	.75	153	1900, 1 pr. 5sh (108), 1 pr. 2sh 6 (139), 1 pr. 5sh (140) all used.....	263	1903, 5sh (60).....
50	Bermuda 1865, 1sh (4).....	2.00	154	1901, 5sh (140).....	264	St. Lucia 1886, 1sh (36).....
51	Br. C. Africa 1891, 5sh (9).....	1.75	155	1901, 10sh (141) used.....	265	1886, 10sh (38).....
52	1892, 4sh on 5sh (15).....	5.00	156	same diff. shade, used.....	266	1907, 1sh (62).....
53	1893, 4sh (19).....	1.75	157	1901, lpd (142) very lightly used.....	267	1907, 5sh (63).....
54	1897, 1sh (50).....	2.00	158	finest copy possible.....	268	St. Vincent 1883, 5sh (50).....
55	1900, 10sh (56).....	6.00	159	1912, 10sh (175) lightly cancelled, very fine copy.....	269	1885, 1sh (55).....
56	1903, 1sh (64).....	.75	160	1912, lpd (176) very lightly used.....	270	1898, 1sh (69).....
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61	Br. E. Africa 1890, 22 (25) 32 (26) 42 (27) 52 (28).....	5.10	165	same, used.....	275	1904, 5sh (88).....
62	Br. E. Africa 1896, 3, 4½, 5, 7½, 8a (Nos. 76, 78, 79, 80, 81).....	1.36	166	1903, 24pi (1112) used, fine copy.....	276	Seychelles 1903, 2c, 3c, 6c, 15c, 1906, 2c, 3c, 6c, 12c, 15c, 18c.....
63	Br. Guiana 1860, 12c grey, lightly cancelled but slight tear.....	3.00	167	1906, 2p (1014) 1909, 5pi (1167).....	277	Sierra Leone 1907, 2sh (100).....
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67	1904, \$2.00 (70).....	4.00	171	1907, 6p (1217), 1sh (1218).....	281	1902, 3r (11).....
68	1904, \$5.00 (71).....	8.50	172	1907, 2sh 6 (1219).....	282	1903, 6r (19).....
69	Br. Solomon Isl. 1907, ½-sh comp. 70 1907, same, used.....	3.64	173	Greece 1913, 11-5dr (720-733).....	283	1904, ½a (161).....
70	1907, same, used.....	.75	174	1902 Postage Due 10, 20, 30, 40, 50L (975, 970, 972, 973, 974).....	284	South Australia 1902, 1sh (127).....
71	1908, 1sh (14).....	1.40	175	same, used.....	285	1902, 2sh 6p (128).....
72	1908, 2sh (15).....	1.75	176	Grenada 1902, 1sh (54).....	286	1904, 1sh (140).....
73	1908, 2sh 6p (16).....	2.75	177	1902, 2sh (55).....	287	1906, 1sh (155).....
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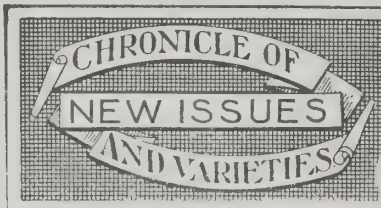
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Several correspondents have recently asked as to the issue of certain values in the new proprietary stamps, which do not exist, it may be well to reprint the official list of denominations.

Proprietary—1/8c, 1/4c, 3/8c, 5/8c, 1 1/4c, 1 7/8c, 2 1/2c, 3 1/8c, 3 3/4c, 4c, 4 3/8c and 5c.
Documentary—1/2c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 40c, 50c, 80c, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, \$30, \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1000.

Wines and Cordials—1/4c, 1/2c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 20c, 24c, 40c, \$2.
Carl Moll writes that he has found a pair of the current 10c stamps, plate number 5770, with a period before the right "10." He has also found plate number 5882, with the stamps of decided "russet" color.

AUSTRALIA.—The Hugo Griebert & Co. have shown us the 1d postage due stamp, perforated 14 (single lined machine).

BELGIUM.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a new series of Charity stamps from Belgium, or rather from the Belgium Government located at Havre. The stamps were issued Jan. 4, and were printed by Waterlow Bros. and Layton, London. The design has the same frame as the Monument Charity issue of earlier date, but has the portrait of the King as on the other Charity issue. Therefore it may be said

to be a combination of the first two issues. The stamps are printed on white unwatermarked paper. They are crudely executed. The portrait and crosses are carmine on all values, the 10c being all carmine.

Red Cross Adhesives.

5c green and carmine.
10c carmine.
20c violet and carmine.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—We have been shown the 3d on paper colored throughout, by Hugo Griebert & Co.

CHILE.—The current 20c envelope, with portrait of Valdivia has appeared in a much darker shade.

DOMINICA.—Hugo Griebert & Co. advise us that the new 6d stamps (view design) are not yet on sale, and will probably not be issued before May.

GERMAN COLONIES.—J. M. Bartels has shown us the 10pf Togo and 20pf Kamerun stamps on watermarked paper. These items appear to be somewhat late, but the stamps were probably prepared some time ago, and were held back until the old stock was exhausted.

Mr. Bartels also reports having seen a booklet containing 20 5pf and 10 10pf stamps of German South West Africa watermarked lozenges. One sheet in the booklet contains two 5pf green and four 10pf carmine stamps, which makes it possible to get the two denominations in unsevered pairs.

GREAT BRITAIN.—An envelope with portrait of King George has appeared.

Envelope.

2d yellow.
GREECE.—The 10l card, type of 1900 has appeared in a new color, red orange, instead of pale blue.

Post Card.

10l red orange.

JAMAICA.—The new 1s stamps with white back will not reach London before February, according to information received from Hugo Griebert & Co.

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LEEWARD ISLANDS.—Hugo Griebert & Co. have shown us the 5sh stamp on paper colored throughout.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 1 penny 1840 Great Britain is finding a close imitation in the new King George design to be used by this colony. It should make a handsome stamp. A. C. Roessler states that this stamp will be put on sale in September.



PHILIPPINES.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the current 20c stamp in orange instead of yellow as formerly. Recent arrivals have all been in the deeper shade.

J. M. Bartels has shown us the current 30c stamp in a new color, corresponding to the 15c gray of the United States. The 2c perforated 10 has only been seen in booklets.

Adhesives.

20c orange.
30c gray.

ST. LUCIA.—Hugo Griebert & Co. have shown us the 4d on paper colored throughout.

SPANISH GUINEA.—Maury's Collectionneur says that a new series of stamps has appeared dated "1914," but is not able to give particulars of color, etc.

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By H. C. BARR.

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A wooly rabbit that once was white;
A key which he found in the street, I think;
And a broken inkstand that never held ink.

You ask him why and he does not know:
Only because he loves them so.

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At that stamp I just bought to fill out the row;
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CREDITS.

Unfortunately for all merchants doing business by mail, especially those whose business require the sending of goods on approval, there are a great many parasites who make a practice of appealing to the dealer for an approval selection and then grown "rich" by the petty thievery of these selections. To these criminals, must the blame be laid for the percentage of increase in cost of postage stamps to cover loss. No merchant will do business at a loss. When his goods are not paying a profit, he will investigate his methods, find the source of loss, and if it is beyond his control, will raise the price of the goods to cover this loss. Therefore, it is the consumer who must meet the burden of these losses.

However, it is the merchant who can offer the best goods at the lowest price that wins. In order to do this, it is to his advantage to eliminate loss. Therefore, he must watch his credits. Probably 99% of the stamp dealers in this country are more fortunate than the average corner grocer, inasmuch as they do not carry any charge accounts, and have only short-time credits to follow up. There is absolutely no necessity for running accounts in the stamp business, and the dealer will do well to insist on cash. When an approval selection is returned, the remittance should accompany the lot or another selection should not be sent out. Stamps are a luxury, not a necessity. When a man is faced with a large bill for stamps, he is more apt to neglect it than if it were for gas, or coal, or ice. Probably not one customer in fifty would ask for or care for extended credit, therefore the dealer should not encourage it.

When an application for an approval

selection is received from a new customer, the reference should be investigated to find out if it is O. K. We will assume that the dealer makes it plain that he requires a reference before sending out a selection. This fact is generally understood; however, the dealer should emphasize it in his advertising. No matter how nice the application looks, or how neatly the letter paper is engraved, look the applicant up before you take a chance. Some of the biggest known stamp swindles have been worked by the aid of a little expensive paper and flowery language.

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THE FIRST ISSUE—Continued.

As these stamps continued in use until 1859-60, when the system of printing them in black on colored papers was abandoned, there were several printings, especially of the two lower values of each series. There are, therefore, several shades of each value. These stamps are scarce in fine unused condition but still comparatively plentiful in used state as a study of catalogue quotations will show.

Reference List.

1852. Typographed. Imperforate.



Northern District.

1. 1/2sgr black on green, Scott's No. 3.
2. 1sgr black on blue, Scott's No. 4 or No. 5.
3. 2sgr black on rose, Scott's No. 6.
4. 3sgr black on yellow, Scott's No. 7.



Southern District.

5. 1kr black on green, Scott's No. 42 or 42a.
6. 3kr black on blue, Scott's No. 43, 43a or 44.
7. 6kr black on rose, Scott's No. 45.
8. 9kr black on yellow, Scott's No. 46 or 46a.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

On January 1st, 1854, the rate on single local letters, prepaid by stamps, posted and delivered within the area comprised in the Northern States, was reduced to 1/4sgr and a stamp of this value was issued. It is similar in design to the others of the series but has the value in the centre on a ground of wavy lines. It was printed in black on red-brown paper the size of the sheets

apparently being the same as those of the other denominations—viz. 150 stamps in fifteen rows of ten.

On July 1st, 1858, another new value was issued of 1/3sgr (equal to 4 pfennige), this being intended for the purpose of franking printed matter, posted and delivered within the district where the currency was in silbergroschen. This stamp was also of similar design to the others, the large central numerals being on a background of a pattern resembling a repetition of interlaced 3's. This denomination printed in black on a flesh colored paper was, like the others, issued imperforate.

Reference List.

1854-58. Typographed. Imperf.

Northern District.

9. 1/3sgr black on red brown, Scott's No. 1.
10. 1/3sgr black on flesh, Scott's No. 2.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

In 1859, the Thurn and Taxis office abandoned the use of colored papers and, instead, printed its stamps in color on white paper. As the stocks of those on colored paper became used up those on white paper were substituted. But before any of the stamps of the existing values were issued on white paper, two new denominations were issued in both currencies, viz., 5sgr and 15kr printed in lilac, and 10sgr and 30kr printed in orange. The designs somewhat closely resemble those of the other stamps then current, but the side inscriptions are shown in one line of type instead of two as previously. The central background of the 5sgr and 15kr consists of a network pattern in which the figures "5" and "15" respectively are repeated in Arabic and Roman characters. The background of the higher values shows Arabic numerals only. There appears to have been but one large printing of these four stamps and that they were in but small demand is obvious from the scarcity of used specimens. These values were never officially rouletted, like the lower denominations, and those specimens that occasionally turn up rouletted or perforated are of a private nature and have no philatelic value.

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1c pale green, rotary coil at sides ".....		.04
2c carmine.....	.04; block of four.....	.12
2c " coil, perf. top and bottom, pair.....		.16
2c " coil, perf. at sides, ".....		.16
2c rose, rotary coil at sides, ".....		.08
3c violet single.....	.05; block of four.....	.16
4c brown ".....	.06; " " ".....	.20
4c brown, coil, perf. at sides.....		.16
5c indigo, single.....	.08; block of four.....	.25
6c vermilion, ".....	.08; " " ".....	.28
7c black, ".....	.10; " " ".....	.35
8c olive, ".....	.12; " " ".....	.40
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—The British press refers to the heroic death of Bruno Guliemo Garibaldi, a descendent of the Garibaldi so well known upon the pages of history. He was said to have a fine collection of stamps, particularly strong in Italy and Italian States.
—Allen G. Deane, sending in his renewal of subscription forwards two new yearly subscriptions and adds: "It was just easy getting these two new subscriptions and if each subscriber would do as well by the WEEKLY your subscription list would take a hop." Such assistance as this is certainly appreciated.
—C. H. Mekeel, editor of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, informs us that the Stamp Security Co. has decided to retire from business and the *Journal* is for the time suspended. Mr. Mekeel expects, however, to revive and publish it later and has arranged for the adjustment of unexpired subscriptions through a circular just at hand.
—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Irwin B. Robinson (3) and Walter S. Wilmot.
—We are in receipt of a circular notice from the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General that a parcel post convention has been arranged between the United States and Gibraltar. The arrangement goes into effect February 1.

Reference List.

1859-60. Typographed. Imperf.



Northern District.

11. 1/2sgr red, Scott's No. 8.
12. 1/2sgr green, Scott's No. 9.
13. 1sgr blue, Scott's No. 10.
14. 2sgr rose, Scott's No. 11.
15. 3sgr red brown, Scott's No. 12.
16. 5sgr lilac, Scott's No. 13.
17. 10sgr orange, Scott's No. 14.



Southern District.

18. 1kr yellow green, Scott's No. 47 or 47a.
19. 3kr blue, Scott's No. 48.
20. 6kr rose, Scott's No. 49.
21. 9kr yellow, Scott's No. 50.
22. 15kr lilac, Scott's No. 51.
23. 30kr orange, Scott's No. 52.

(To be continued.)

POSTAL SAVINGS STAMPS DESTROYED.

The International Stamp Co. has received a letter from J. E. Ralph of the Treasury Department in which he says that by authority of the Post Office Department all postal savings stamps in the vaults of the Bureau have been destroyed.

NO CHANGE ON PERFORATIONS.

Two weeks ago we quoted the *Philadelphia Stamp News* to the effect that the 10 perforation was to be abandoned and a return made to the old 12 perforation. S. E. Colman writing us from Washington, states that "the new perforation has not been abandoned and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are still perforating 10 every day." Mr. Colman adds that there need be no doubt but that stamp collectors will be able to secure all of these stamps they desire.

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Brazil 1908-9, 100, 100, 200r.10
Chile 1902, 1, 2, 5, 10, 30c06
Chile 1905, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 50c.12
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DEATH OF PRINCE ALPHONSE DORIA PAMPHILJ.

By DR. EMILIO DIENA.

Prince Alphonse Doria Pamphilj was born at Rome on the 25th of September, 1851, was a member of one of the most illustrious families in Italy, and much could be written of his numerous qualities as a patron of the artistic world, as an amateur of the fine arts, as a politician (he was a member of the Senate since January, 1894), and above all as a benefactor and a sportsman. I will, however, only now refer to him as a philatelist.

The Prince received a portion of his education at Birmingham, having entered the Oratory School of that city in 1861, and remaining there until 1870. It was during his residence there that the Prince acquired that knowledge of the English language that enabled him to speak absolutely as an Englishman, and that he acquired that love of stamp collecting which, including the late Mr. E. L. Pemberton, has produced in that city so many well-known names in Philately. At the age of eighteen, while he was living at Genoa, where his family originated, he formed a general collection, and we find in the March, 1869, number of *Philatelist*, published at Brighton (Vol. III, p. 36), in the "Editor's Letter Box," a reply to a philatelic question that he had presented. Another reply under the same heading addressed to him will be found in the May number of the same journal, where, by a curious coincidence, we find the minutes of the preliminary meeting of the Philatelic Society, London, which took place at 93 Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, on the 10th April, 1869. A little later he abandoned his collection, and presented it to one of his friends.

It was not until much later, toward 1894, that he recommenced a general collection that he arranged in an Imperial Album. When I first made his acquaintance in 1896 he was occupied in transferring his stamps on to movable leaves, relying almost exclusively as his guides in this task upon the English books and catalogues.

The exquisite taste with which he was endowed was revealed in the simple and careful way in which he mounted this collection, which work was effected by the Prince entirely unaided. In a short time he had succeeded in acquiring a remarkable collection containing many specimens of great rarity. He was always pleased to show his albums to collectors, and more readily welcomed any suggestion either as to the modification of his arrangement or any little omission than any expressions of admiration for the beauty and rarity of his specimens. Among those who were privileged to see his collection I might mention the late Earl of Crawford, Messrs. E. D. Bacon, C. J. Phillips, A. W. Batchelder, and Baron A. de Rothschild, to cite only the names of foreigners. In emerging from this princely palace, which contained so many marvels of art, it was difficult to say whether the most profound impression had been

created by the masterpieces it contained or by the charming courtesy of its owner.

In 1904 Prince Doria decided to part with his general collection, in which the greatest strength lay in the issues of the British Colonies, and electing that it should be sold in England, where he said "one knew how to fully appreciate them," they were purchased by Mr. W. H. Peckitt. The Prince, however, retained and continued his collection of the stamps of the several States of Italy.

Prince Doria, who had been a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, since 1897, had received important awards at the philatelic exhibitions of Turin, 1898; Manchester, 1899; Milan, 1906; and Berne, 1910.

On the 29th of June of this year a philatelic society (*Società Filatelica Italiana*) had been established at Rome, of which it was decided to elect Prince Doria President, but the state of his health with other considerations suggested rather his nomination as Honorary President, to which office he was elected.

My pen trembles in my hand in writing that on the evening of the 2nd of this month, after having alluded to his health, of which he was apprehensive, Prince Doria expressed to me his readiness to hold himself entirely at the disposition of the committee of the new society, that he had so kindly convoked at his palace for a special session, in which he had proposed to exhibit a portion of his stamps, thus continuing the fine traditions of Lord Crawford.

Two days later he was seized with a hæmorrhage of the brain, all possible ministrations failing to restore the Prince to consciousness, and on the 5th November at six o'clock he drew his last breath. I trust that his family, so painfully bereaved, may receive some consolation in the knowledge that all philatelists who had the honour to know such a true man and perfect gentleman will always bear him in the kindest remembrance.

The funeral took place on the 8th November, in great simplicity, according to the instructions left by the deceased, but many philatelists were in attendance. The Prince's remains now lie in the chapel which he himself had caused to be constructed in the villa on Mount Gianicolo—a veritable *chef d'oeuvre* of art, worthy of a man who had made of art a second religion.—*London Philatelist*.

BRIDGEPORT PHILATELIC CLUB.

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The Bridgeport (Conn.) Philatelic Club held its first anniversary meeting, Monday evening Jan. 25. The following officers were re-elected. A. Munch, president; J. J. Sussmuth, secretary and P. O. Hoffman, treasurer. The club intends to hold several lectures at their regular meetings. The first lecture to be given by J. J. Sussmuth at the next meeting on "The Correct Pronunciation of Geographical Names."

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2½d deep blue.
5s green and carmine (yellow paper).

The George series was finally completed on August 26, 1914, by the issue of these two denominations.

The 2½d, like all other Georgian Colonial stamps of this value, is printed in deep blue, instead of the ultramarine affected by the Edwardian series.

For the 5s, the new colored through paper has been used, and though specialists claim a difference between it and the through paper used for the 4d, the ordinary collector need not worry himself.

3d violet (yellow paper).

Again are the Islands a feature of the "New Issues" column—this time it is the 3d, on the new yellow through paper, which was issued in the early days of December, 1914.

The 10s George on the colored through paper is also in order for an early appearance, as the Colonial Journal advises that it has already been printed. Doubtless, it was dispatched to the Islands at the same time as the 3d, and is being held back until the supply on the surface colored paper is used up.

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Prospective—A similar recruiting number for February 27. We shall make every effort to stimulate an active interest in it and shall expect to carry our subscription list over the 8000 mark with that issue. The policy of the WEEKLY toward its advertisers is a liberal one and we shall expect to receive the same co-operation this month as previously. Take goodly space and have some reprints struck off for use in circularizing.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

New U. S.—We learn that the fifty cent of the current issue finally has appeared on single lined watermarked paper perforated 12; and that the two cent Panama-Pacific has been issued with the 10 perforation. We are informed that the new fifty cent is printed in sheets of four hundred, divided into panes as sold at the post office of one hundred stamps to the sheet. The plates thus far of the fifty cent, range between numbers 7040 and 7057.

"Viribus Unitis"—Dr. C. F. Roh, Garrison, Nebraska, writes: "I enclose a card issued in commemoration of the sixty-sixth year of the reign of Emperor Joseph of Austria, which was on sale for one day only. You will notice that it is the sixtieth jubilee card with a new yellow and black surcharge." The imprint has the central design of large crown with "1914" below and surrounded by "Viribus Unitis." Impressed in black and yellow, the design is a striking one.

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An Old Tome—In a letter from Mr. J. B. Childs, Champaign, Illinois, he says: "Probably a month ago, I ran across an old bound volume of some English review for the year 1840. It was published at the time the first adhesive stamps were being issued by Great Britain. This journal had several inserts, one showing line engraved work by the printers for the government, Perkins, Petch (?), Bacon and Company; and the others were suggestions for stamps, envelopes, etc. At any rate, there was a lengthy article accompanying these inserts and there was a review of some of Rowland Hill's work. I intend to look this up again." This citation does not refer to the famous "stamp plate" in the *Art-Union Monthly Journal*, London, for June, 1848, which embodied a page insert of heavy paper, illustrating what to all intents and purposes is an envelope essay and other examples of Mr. Charles Whiting's processes, protective against forgery. We quote from the text: "The embossed head is next in order, and this is produced by machines similar to those in use for the production of the postage envelopes at the Stamp-office. In fact, we learn that it was from specimens furnished to the Treasury, and the machinery suggested, that the public owe the production of the present stamped postage envelopes." Then follows a description of the manner in which the embossed envelopes are printed.

O, Youth—The secretary of a boys' stamp club well says: "The World's Fair was much too early for me, but my Columbian stamps have told me something about it and have made me want to know more." Well, at any rate, we do not remember the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876.

A Big Deal—Word has been received that the entire stock of stamps as well as the stock book and blank album business of Mr. A. Krassa, New York City, has been purchased by the Scott Stamp & Coin Company; and that the manufacture of the books and albums will be continued under the name of the buyers. The transaction is an important one and its consummation redounds to the credit of the manager of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company who has shown since his affiliation with the company remarkable energy and enterprise. Indeed, the career of Mr. Hugh M. Clark may be described truly as brilliant and when one ponders upon what he has accomplished in so short a time in the field of philately, one must admit that philately has its business romances and opportunities of great promise. We may say that we assisted Mr. Clark's entry into the business world of stamps and we believe that he will agree that

his business which he conducted in Chicago as an individual was established by his publicity in the WEEKLY. It is a satisfaction to know that we recognized budding genius in this and we do not hesitate to predict that Mr. Clark's ambitions which will not be discouraged for any lack of material support will achieve splendid heights.

Possible Retirement—We do not know what plans, if any, Mr. Krassa who has disposed of his business has in view, but we take this opportunity to express a word of appreciation of him as a dealer who for many years was a factor in commercial philately. We know that philatelic flesh as exemplified in the stamp dealer sometimes is weak, but Mr. Krassa was cast in sterner mould; and his reputation throughout the many years has been spotless. To our mind, one could say nothing more sturdily commendatory than this simple declaration, that in the many years that Mr. Krassa did business with our readers, we do not recall an instance of a dissatisfied buyer having made complaint to us about him. Mr. Krassa enjoyed a personal following; and leaving aside any human considerations that have their weight in accounting for such a clientele, this circumstance was due to the fact that he had the stamps. Indeed, his stamp stock has been highly lauded and as Mr. Krassa was accomplished in philatelic discrimination, it is natural that he had a superb line of the better things. If Mr. Krassa is to pass on as a dealer, he may know that he will be remembered and that his influence has always been felt as a constructive force in the field in which he worked so well.

A Sister—From Mr. L. C. Hassler, Louisville, Kentucky, we have received several of the old postage due envelopes of the post office department, for inspection, the three cent and six cent, respectively. Mr. Hassler says: "The three cent is similar to the one mentioned by Mr. George L. Toppan, volume twelve, page 116, of the *American Journal of Philately*, except in the lower left corner there is a large letter 'Z' instead of 'C.' The 'notice to the postmaster,' printed at the left of the enclosed six cent envelope differs from the three cent and has the letter 'A' in the lower left corner. As it is known that the 'alpha' of one and the 'omega' of the other exist, you may discover more of the letter if not all of them, by publishing a note on the subject." Our recollection is that we discovered the three cent envelope listed by Mr. Toppan in the United States envelope section of the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors and placed the cover in Mr. Toppan's hands. The appearance of a

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sister envelope of six cent denomination at this advanced day is fraught with interest; and the occasion for a cover with this indication of value becomes apparent when the printed text that covers one-third of the surface of the envelope is digested: "Notice to the Postmaster. The enclosed letter is sent to the writer, under an Act of Congress, approved January 21, 1862. If not delivered, and double postage collected, as required by this new law, it must be returned to the 'Third Assistant Postmaster General,' within one month, with the reasons for non-delivery endorsed on it, according to Sec. 199 of P. O. Regulations. If retained a longer period, the Postmaster will be held accountable for the postage, whether delivered or not. The date of the receipt at the Post Office must be marked on the letter, and an entry made in the account of mails received, in the column of unpaid letters. If returned, the letter must be post-marked on the sealed side. It should not be advertised." The last sentence is in large heavy type. In the upper right corner of the six cent envelope is the inscription, printed in three lines: "Post Office Department, Returned Letter Office. Due 6 cents." This six cent envelope is the predecessor, we believe, of the three cent as we understand that in the act of March 3, 1863, the imposition of double postage on "unpaid letters" was discontinued. The type used in the legend in the upper right corner is a variation of that found on the three cent. These envelopes, the fore-runners of the adhesive due stamps, are on a brown manila paper without watermark.

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Wine, Cordial, etc., ¼c, ½c, 1c, 1½c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 20c, 24c, 40c and \$2.00.

Documentary, ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 40c, 50c, 80c, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, \$30, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000.

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Wine, Cordials, etc., from ¼c, to 40 cents, 200 stamps to a sheet, the sheet being 10 x 18½ inches, and the stamps 7⁄8 x 1 inch in size. This size of individual stamp includes the border on

four sides. The stamps are perforated, like postage stamps.

Documentary stamps from ½c to 80 cents, and all Proprietary stamps are of the same size as the wine, cordial, etc., stamps, with 200 to the sheet. Documentary stamps from \$1 to \$50, inclusive, are issued in sheets of the same size as the others, but with 100 stamps to a sheet. Documentary stamps of a higher value are issued in book form, with 4 stamps to a page, as follows: \$100, 40 stamps to a book; \$500, 8 stamps to a book; \$1,000, 4 stamps to a book.

It will be noted that this arrangement makes the value of any documentary book of stamps \$4,000.

THE KRASSA STOCK SOLD.

We congratulate the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. upon the acquisition of the Krassa stock. We touched briefly upon this matter last week and the announcement elsewhere in this issue will be read with interest. The Krassa album has come to be well known as a standard loose leaf album and it would be more largely used today had its sale been more skilfully handled in recent years. There is no doubt but that the Scott people knowing the merit of their purchase will handle the stock aggressively. With branch offices on Broadway and Nassau St. the Scott Co. should be able to do a larger volume of business than ever before.

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Bosnia.—The 5 and 10 heller stamps of the 1906 issue have been overprinted 7 and 12 heller respectively, the extra 2 heller being for the fund for soldiers' widows and orphans.

Epirus.—The stamps of "Autonomous Epirus" showing a peasant shooting have been withdrawn and replaced by current Greek stamps overprinted with a Greek inscription, signifying "Northern Epirus," we hope to include both these sets, as well as the Chimara issue, in our February distribution.

Russia.—The statement in some journals that the large pictorial Red Cross stamps have no philatelic value is pure nonsense. The stamps have been issued under the authority of the Russian Post Office and are available not only for inland but also for international postage. We have received letters from Russia, the postage on which has been fully prepaid with these stamps and no additional charge made on delivery.

Santi Quaranta.—Several Continental journals have chronicled the Italian stamps overprinted for Janina further surcharged "Santi 40." In reply to our inquiry respecting these stamps, the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs of Italy writes to us as follows:—

"I have the honour to inform you that no Italian Postal Agency has been established at the Port of Santi Quaranta, in Epirus and consequently no postage stamps for the purpose have been issued by the Italian Government."

Trinidad.—A correspondent at Port-of-Spain writes us that in September the Governor of Trinidad, Sir George R. Le Hunte, sanctioned the use of the Red Cross stamps on 900 letters for postal service these letters being applications for donations to the Fund, each envelope bearing the autograph of the lady secretary. As no specimen was sent us, it is not clear what particular Red Cross stamps are referred to.—*Whitfield King's List.*

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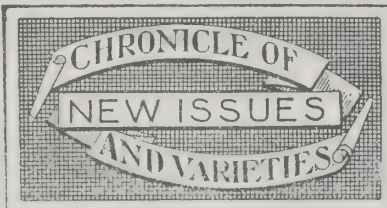
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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AUSTRALIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* is informed that the 6d Kookaburra stamp is no longer obtainable, except at small offices, as the 6d Kangaroo is being issued again. This is due to the change in party control of the Government. The order for electros of the 2d, 6d and 1sh values has been canceled. It is extremely doubtful if any further supply of the 6d Kookaburra will see the light.

BRITISH COLONIES.—*Stamp Collecting* says: "Apparently it is possible to distinguish between the ordinary white watermarked paper produced by the mill now holding the Government contract, and that of the old Chafford mills, as well as in the case of the yellow dyed paper. The most recent issues of British Colonial stamps have been printed on thinner and more porous paper, with slightly less surface and of a greyish appearance, which is admirably adapted to typographic impression."

CEYLON.—The *Colonial Journal* reports that the Georgian 1r stamps have been printed on yellow paper colored through.

COSTA RICA.—In order to use up the old stock of 1 colon stamps of the issue of 1901, which have remained in the treasury for 13 years, the remainders have been surcharged with a new value, says *Maury's Collectionneur*.

Provisional Adhesive.

1c on 1 colon olive bistre and black.

DUTCH INDIES.—According to *Maury's Collectionneur*, the 30c stamp has appeared in a new shade. A wrapper has also been issued.

Adhesive.

30c violet gray.

Wrapper.

10c blue on light gray.

EGYPT.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a new official stamp, the 4m of 1907 having received an overprint similar to that on the other values. The first pair of dots under the Arabic words is missing and the straight line at the end has no hook, showing that it is an entirely new printing.

Official Adhesive.

4m brown red.

GERMAN NEW GUINEA.—When the Australian Expedition landed at this German colony, the full set of stamps of the ship type was overprinted "G. R. I." with new values in English currency. There are thirteen values in the set.



GRENADA.—Paul Dworzakowski sends *Stamp Collecting* a label issued by the local Red Cross Society, which has ap-

Leeward Is. 1890, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2, 4, 6, 7, 1sh, unused (cat. 3.25)\$1.40
 1897, 1/2d, unused, (cat. 1.00)35
 1897, 2 1/2d, unused, (cat. 1.00)85
 1902, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2d un'd (cat. .88)45
 1902, 6d unused (cat. .30)20
 1902, 1sh unused (cat. .60)40
 Liberia 1885, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8c un'd (cat. .60)35
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parently passed through the post. It has the Geneva Cross in the center and is inscribed "Geneva Red Cross Society, —1 fraction," and is roughly perforated.

INDO-CHINA.—The latest addition to the growing list of Red Cross postage stamps emanates from this French Asiatic colony, says *Stamp Collecting* where 15,000 copies of the current 10c stamp have been overprinted and issued with a small Red Cross in the upper left hand corner, and the figure "5c" at the foot, on the right.

Provisional Adhesive.

10c+5c red.

IVORY COAST.—This colony has been supplied with a new series of postage due stamps of the design already chronicled for Dahomey, Mauritania and French Guinea, with name of Colony changed.

Postage Due Adhesives.

5c green.
 10c carmine.
 15c gray.
 20c brown.
 30c blue.
 50c black.
 60c red.
 1fr violet.

LIBERIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* quotes the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* as chronicling two values of the new pictorial set. Both show scenes in the country. The shape is like the Belgian Congo. They are perforated 14.

Adhesives.

2c brown red.
 3c lilac.

MALTA.—The *Colonial Journal* reports that the 1sh King George stamp is printed for the first time on paper col-

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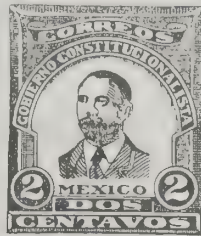
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105 China & cc., stp. dictionary, list, 2c. 1915 cat. stps. of world 12c. Album Mfrs., stp. importers. Agts. 50%. A. Bullard Co., Sta. A14, Boston. [73]

ored through. The previous issue was on the paper with white back.

MEXICO.—El Monitor announces the issue of a new series of stamps with portrait of Madero. They were printed in the United States, the denominations being 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c and 20c. Presumably they were issued by the Constitutionalists, the Guitierrez party being in control of the capital for the moment.

The following cut is reproduced from one used in a Mexico City newspaper and is intended to show the design of the new Madero set:—



The official seal used on registered mail is shown herewith. It is a fine



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piece of work, nicely engraved, embossed and die cut. It needs to be seen to be appreciated.

NIGERIA.—It is reported that a new series of stamps is contemplated for this Colony, probably with views of the country.

RUSSIA.—Four large charity stamps have been issued to help the fund of the "Imperial Women's Patriotic Union." The set consists of four values, 1, 3, 7, and 10 kopecks, each of the stamps selling for 1 kopeck more than the face value. The illustration we use does not do credit to the subject selected.



SENEGAL.—This is another Colony on the West coast of Africa to receive the current type of postage due stamps of the design in the Catalogue credited to Dahomey, etc. Our information regarding the three sets is from Maury's Collectionneur.

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5c green.
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20c brown.
30c blue.
50c black.
60c red.
1f violet.

SWITZERLAND.—The Paris newspaper Le Matin illustrates two German stamps, which have been overprinted "Schweiz" and new value in centimes.

UPPER SENEGAL AND NIGER.—Like the Ivory Coast, mentioned above, this Colony also has been given a series of postage due stamps of the same design as the other West African colonies.

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NOTE THE OFFERS OF TOGO.

It is rarely that an entire half-page of the WEEKLY is used in advertising a single set of stamps but Theodore Champion & Co. of Paris are entitled to the distinction of showing enterprise in the announcement made in this issue. Much interest is being manifested in the present-day war provisionals and this particular set is one much sought after.

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THE SALE OF PRECANCELS.

A correspondent at Washington submits a copy of the regulations governing the issuance of precanceled stamps and advises us that there is nothing in the rules that prohibits stamp collectors or dealers selling these stamps. Our correspondent says that it means that "firms which have a permit to buy precanceled stamps from the government for their own use cannot sell them." We have not had any supplementary word from Mr. Hubel, who withdrew his advertisement stating that he had been prohibited from any further selling of them.

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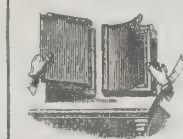
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PERFORATION "10" NOT DISCONTINUED.

In answer to the claim made by the Philadelphia Stamp News that the perforation 10 was to be discontinued, J. M. Bartels has submitted to us a letter received from J. E. Ralph, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Mr. Bartels asked whether the new perforation known as "10" had been discontinued and to this Mr. Ralph replies: "The perforation known as '10' has not been discontinued at all."

This would seem to put a quietus on the report in question.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

CREDITS—Continued.

Let us now consider the matter of collections. When a selection is overdue ten days, it is a good plan to write a courteous note calling attention to the fact that the lot is past due, and that the customer has no doubt overlooked it in the press of other matters. If the lot is held by a boy, a postal card will suffice. If it is a good selection, it is advisable to write a letter, as many people resent such a card. There are times when even the best of us cannot help keeping an approval lot overtime, and we do not care to have our neglect made public property. Letters of this kind must be worded tactfully, so as not to give the client offense. Many times a picture postal will take the raw edges off a request for an overdue lot, and will bring the customer into closer touch with the dealer, as the card shows a personal interest. It might be worded, "Would like to hear from you at your convenience regarding our letter of the —th."

The writer advocates the use of a personal letter on all "worth-while lots" and customers, in place of a form letter. Better results are usually obtained, and the customer is secretly pleased to find that he is worth a thought on the part of the management, rather than part of a machine, even though the thought is a reminder for him to "get busy."

If the first letter does not bring back the lot, a second letter should be addressed about ten days later, asking the client to advise whether or not he received the lot, in order that a tracer may be started in case of loss, or a claim put in to the insurance company if the letter was insured. Under some circumstances, even a reminder will be overlooked, and it is distasteful to the client to be hinted a thief or threatened with legal action. Many dealers use such threats without just cause, and lose many otherwise good customers, as a result. This second letter will often get a reply where the first fails.

In case both notices are overlooked, the dealer may begin to suspect something is wrong. Therefore, if the lot justifies a further "patient" letter, send the delinquent a registered letter (for the receipt) calling attention to previous letters, and asking for the immediate return of the lot. Emphasize the fact

that you have tried to serve him faithfully and cannot understand this un-called-for delay, also that you must turn your goods promptly to be able to give your "splendid service." Such a letter will generally do the work, as the fact that it is registered brings it forcibly to the customer's attention. Also, the customer feels that he has been unjust to the dealer and will often send a healthier remittance.

There are a number of ways of forcing collections. One way of dodging the issue is overcome by printing on the invoice, under terms of sale "These goods remain my property until paid for in full." Unless this phrase is understood, the customer can evade legal action for fraud by stating that "he has purchased the stamps but will pay for them later." Therefore, to force settlement, the account must be treated as a bad debt. If the above phrase is used, in keeping the stamps without payment, the client is holding your goods without your consent and is guilty of a fraud. Therefore, he can be prosecuted for fraud. If the circumstances warrant, the Postal Inspectors will handle a case where the mails are involved. The Department does not run a collection agency, however, and will seldom bother with a case unless a number of charges are filed.

Probably every dealer has seen, or can devise, a set of collection letters. If not, the writer will be glad to help if addressed privately. This article concludes the subject of "Hints to Amateur Dealers" and it is the sincere hope of the writer that a few of you have gained something from the work. There are plenty of points left to cover, and any suggestions from dealers will be thankfully received and will be treated according to merit. From time to time other articles of this nature will appear, and the writer is always glad to give personal service to any one desirous of it.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. H. W., Jr.—The stamps you mention are Moroccan Local stamps, and have little philatelic value. Offhand I cannot give you the exact status of these stamps, but will look the matter up and publish the facts, along with some facts on other stamps of like nature.

was nominated for President and Messrs. G. L. Toppan and W. L. Aldrich for the office of Vice-President. The name of Mr. C. A. Howes was added to the nominees for the Council.

The present Superintendents of Auction Sales and Bourse were renominated and nominations were then closed.

It was moved that for all offices for which there was only one candidate, the Secretary should cast one ballot electing same. This was done and elected to office the following nominees: E. L. Carpenter, President; G. Carleton Russell, Treasurer; Frederic W. Stiles, Secretary; J. L. Lyons, Superintendent of Auctions; A. W. Dunning, Superintendent of Bourse, and H. J. Kidder, Superintendent of Sales.

Mr. E. L. Carpenter having been duly elected he was escorted to the chair from which he thanked the members in a short speech. Mr. Howes then called the new Secretary to his new duties and the latter called for a rising vote of appreciation of Mr. Howes' able and faithful services, which vote was enthusiastically given to Mr. Howes.

Tellers were appointed by the President-elect to sort and count ballots and the voting resulted in the election of the following candidates for office:

For Vice-President—W. L. Aldrich.
For Foreign Secretary—Oscar Hill.
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the form of a dinner with an entertainment at the Club Room later in the evening.

The meeting was then temporarily adjourned and given over to the entertainment committee.

Mr. Albert Harrison Hall gave a talk upon the "Islands of the West Indies and Their Postage Stamps," which was enjoyed by the members if close attention to the speaker, and enthusiastic applause are a criterion. Mr. A. E. Owen, Vice-President of the "Association for Stamp Exhibitions" said a few words in regard to future exhibitions, at the same time thanking the Boston Philatelic Society for its great help in making the 1913 exhibit the success that it was. Mr. Owen was followed by Dr. Carroll P. Chase of Brooklyn who exhibited a most interesting collection of the 1847 issue of the United States and gave an exceedingly interesting talk in regard to these stamps. It was certainly a rare privilege to be able to examine such a collection and the members evidently appreciated it as such. A rising vote of thanks was given to all three of the gentlemen who had entertained them and the very pleasantly passed meeting came to an end at about 11 P. M.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

THE CAPITULATIONS.

The issue by Turkey of stamps of the current issue, overprinted with an inscription signifying, "Abrogation of the Capitulations," commemorates an event for which the Porte has been striving for a very long time. The Capitulations were an agreement between Turkey and the Great Powers, by which the latter obtained certain commercial privileges which carried with them, among other things, the right of the Powers concerned to establish post offices in the Turkish Empire to deal with their own postal matter. The Capitulations date from very early times, the first treaty being signed in 1507 in favour of France. This was renewed many times, and was only abrogated on October 1st last. It was not until 1861 that similar treaties were signed by Great Britain, Italy, Russia, Austria and Germany. During the past twenty years Turkey has made many endeavours to free herself from the hold which the Powers had obtained on her postal system and successfully resisted the pretensions of Roumania to establish a right to similar privileges. In 1901, after the visit of the German Emperor to Constantinople, the Sultan published an *iradé* announcing that the foreign offices were to be closed, and even going so far as to confiscate mail bags which were sent to some of the offices. Whatever encouragement which the Porte may have had from the German Emperor was not sustained, and the edict had to be withdrawn and apologies tendered to the Powers.

The present war offered an opportunity to get rid of the yoke, which was not to be missed, and if only for the short period during which Turkey is likely to maintain her independence she is at last able to enjoy complete control over her own postal affairs.—*Phil. Jour.* Great Britain.

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BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 19, 1915.

The 328th (regular) meeting of the Society was held at the Club Room this evening with 49 members and friends present. As the President and Vice-President were both unable to be present, the chair was filled by Mr. C. K. B. Nevin as senior member of the Council, who called the meeting to order at 7.50 o'clock.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to postpone the reading of the annual reports of the officers until the February meeting.

The resignation of member No. 554 was read and accepted.

The application of Mr. C. W. Tuttle, proposed by Mr. A. W. Dunning was posted, also of Dr. Richard F. O'Neil, proposed by Mr. Henry J. Perry.

Mr. Waldo Farrar was elected to membership as No. 600 of the Society.

Letters were read from both the President, Theodore J. Barry and the Vice-President, Louis J. Barrett withdrawing their names as candidates for re-election, and Mr. E. M. Carpenter

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THE FOURTH ISSUE.

In March 1861, the Prussian Postal Administration addressed a circular to the various States forming the German-Austrian Postal Union proposing that uniform colors should be adopted for stamps of the same or corresponding values. The proposal met with general approval and, accordingly, the States comprised in the Union agreed to issue stamps in the regulation colors as the stocks of those in use became exhausted. The colors adopted by the Union were green for the stamps of the 4 pfennige or ½sgr, yellow for those of 6pf or ⅓sgr, rose for those of 1sgr, blue for the 2sgr and brown for the 3sgr. By this time the value of the gulden had deteriorated and was now worth about 40c U.S. currency instead of 48c as before. The 1sgr was, therefore, equal to 3½kr; but in the Union 1kr was deemed equivalent to ⅓sgr and 3kr to 1sgr. The adoption of this "color scheme" by Thurn and Taxis necessitated five changes in the stamps for the Northern District, and but three for the Southern District as the 1kr. was already green.

These changes of color began to take effect in 1862 when, in April, the 1sgr. appeared in rose. This was followed by the ⅓sgr in yellow in February, 1863, and by the ⅓sgr in green three months later. In September of the same year the 3sgr was issued in bistre and in January, 1864, the 2sgr appeared in blue. In July of the same year the ⅓sgr was printed in black, the alteration in this value evidently being made to prevent possible confusion with the yellow or bistre stamps. Corresponding changes were made during 1862 in the colors of the 3, 6, and 9 kreuzer. These stamps were all issued imperforate. As I have already stated there was an ample stock on hand of the 5 and 10sgr and 15 and 30kr so that no fresh printings of those denominations were made.

Reference List.

1862-64. Types as before. Imperf.

Northern District

- 24. ⅓sgr black, Scott's No. 15.
- 25. ⅓sgr green, Scott's No. 16.
- 26. ⅓sgr yellow, Scott's No. 17 or 17a.
- 27. 1sgr rose, Scott's No. 18.
- 28. 2sgr blue, Scott's No. 19 or 19a.
- 29. 3sgr. bistre, Scott's No. 20 or 20a.

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Southern District

- 30. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 53.
- 31. 6kr blue, Scott's No. 54.
- 32. 9kr bistre, Scott's No. 55.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

In 1865, it was decided to introduce the convenience of perforation, this taking the form of rouletting which was much in favor among the German States at that period. This work was entrusted to Naumann, the printer of the stamps, and the rouletted varieties began to appear in November. The rouletting was colorless and was done rather roughly, evidently it was somewhat of an experiment so far as Naumann was concerned. The electrotypes forming the printing plates were clamped much too closely together, so that there was no space left for the rouletting, which frequently cuts right into the design of the stamps. The colors were the same as before, though for the most part they were in paler shades, showing that new printings were made.

Reference List.

1865. Colorless roulette.

Northern District

- 33. ⅓sgr black, Scott's No. 21.
- 34. ⅓sgr green, Scott's No. 22.
- 35. ⅓sgr yellow, Scott's No. 23.
- 36. 1sgr rose, Scott's No. 24.
- 37. 2sgr blue, Scott's No. 25.
- 38. 3sgr bistre, Scott's No. 26 or 26a.

Southern District

- 39. 1kr green, Scott's No. 56.
- 40. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 57.
- 41. 6kr blue, Scott's No. 58.
- 42. 9kr bistre, Scott's No. 59.

THE SIXTH ISSUE.

The colorless roulette gave considerable dissatisfaction owing to the manner in which it cut into the stamps and in 1866 this defect was remedied by rearranging the electro-casts so that there was a space of about 1½mm. between them. In the spaces between the electros, both vertically and horizontally, brass strips known as "printer's dotted rule" were inserted. This rule has a sharp edge divided into short lines (in this instance 16 in the space of 2 centimetres) and stands a trifle higher than the printing surface of the electro-casts. Consequently when the stamps are printed the rule is inked as well and

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Reference List.

1867. Rouletted 16 in color.

Northern District

- 43. 1/2sgr black, Scott's No. 27.
- 44. 1/2sgr green, Scott's No. 28.
- 45. 1/2sgr yellow, Scott's No. 29.
- 46. 1sgr rose, Scott's No. 30.
- 47. 2sgr blue, Scott's No. 31.
- 48. 3sgr bistre, Scott's No. 32.

Southern District

- 49. 1kr green, Scott's No. 60.
- 50. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 61.
- 51. 6kr blue, Scott's No. 62.
- 52. 9kr bistre, Scott's No. 63.

The above were the last stamps issued under the Thurn and Taxis administration, for in 1867, Prussia purchased the entire postal rights throughout Germany from the Prince of Thurn and Taxis for a sum of three million thalers, or about \$2,250,000. The use of the stamps ceased on June 30th, 1867, and on the following day Prussian stamps were used. The ordinary Prussian stamps served for those States comprised in the Northern District, for they were in the silbergroschen currency, but a special series, with values in kreuzer, had to be issued for use in those parts forming the Southern District. This issue is described on page 75 of the "Stamps of the German States."

REMAINDERS.

That there were large remainders of the 5 and 10sgr, and 15kr and 30kr of 1859, and of many values of the 1862-67 issues is obvious from the low prices at which they are listed unused in current catalogues. Whether the whole stock of remainders was ever sold or not I have been unable to find out. In fact, very little seems to have been published on the subject of these remainders, the only note I can trace on the subject being that by M. Hanciau in an article in the *Monthly Journal* for July, 1903. I quote the paragraph in extenso:—

The office of Thurn and Taxis, after its suppression, placed its stamps and envelopes on sale at a certain reduction from face value; but it never, so far as I know, made up its mind to dispose of them in bulk, the stock being perhaps too large a one.

REPRINTS.

None of the stamps of Thurn and Taxis were reprinted until they had been

obsolete for a period of no less than 43 years. This reprinting took place in 1910 but under whose authority I cannot trace. The list of stamps reprinted is as follows:—

Northern District.

- 1852-58 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2 and 3sgr.
- 1859-60 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2 and 3sgr.
- 1862-64 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2 and 3sgr.
- 1865 1/2 and 1sgr.

Southern District

- 1852-58 1, 3, 6 and 9kr.
- 1859 1, 3, 6 and 9kr.
- 1862 3, 6 and 9kr.
- 1865 1kr.

Of each variety 25 sheets were reprinted and as the sheets contained 150 stamps there were, thus, 3,750 copies of each value. The colors of the reprints are generally brighter than those of the originals and the paper is also thicker. They are, however, easily distinguished for each stamp has the letters "N.D." (neudruck=reprint) printed on the back in purple ink, and they are not gummed.

At the same time 25 sheets of each of the 10sgr, 15kr and 30kr were printed in black on blue paper.

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BANQUET AT CHICAGO.

The annual dinner of the Chicago Philatelic Society was held at the Palmer House on the evening of January 30th, amid congenial surroundings. While the evening was most inclement, the attendance was about forty and there was no lack of enthusiasm for the speakers who had been assigned topics for their speeches. The presence of General C. A. Coolidge, Detroit, president of the American Philatelic Society was an enjoyable feature of the evening, while the following members and guests of the Chicago society were present: Messrs. Baldwin, Bloss, Boehm, Barton, Clausen, Coombs, Dodd, Douglas, Edmunds, Enlow, Evans, Fowler, Gilber, Gilley, Golding, Hardy, Lincoln, Lindquist, Louer, Lord, Herbert Loth, H. M. Loth, McDonald, Machek, Mann, Merker, Merrill, Edward Michael, Fred Michael, Mudge, Newell, Robinson, Schlieckert, Severn and L. P. Wolsieffer, and several others. The menu was excellent and after regrets at not being able to attend the dinner had been read from Messrs P. M. Wolsieffer, Philadelphia; T. C. E. Hunter, Topeka, Kansas; Wm. L. Stevenson, Flint, Mich.; Ora E. Stark, Omaha, Neb.; A. W. Dunning, Brookline, Mass.; Dr. S. J. Caswell, Rockford, Ill.; J. B. Childs, Champaign, Ill.; Dr. C. F. Roh, Garrison, Neb., and others, the exercises of the evening began. President Mudge was superb in his role of toast-master; and his introduction of General Coolidge was felicitous. The response of the distinguished guest was a fitting one and his glimpse into the working of the American Philatelic Society was instructive. There were addresses by Mr. J. E. Lord, Mr. L. B. Lincoln, Mr. C. E. Severn, Mr. Fred Michael, and Mr. E. C. Dodd. Mr. Lord literally set the table in a roar but between laughs he pelted his hearers with chunks of solid sense. Mr. Lincoln gave a highly interesting address on "Hunting Big Game and Stamps in Newfoundland," which was a revelation in a philatelic sense, especially of conditions of which we are apt to be ignorant. Mr. Michael told the tale of a stamp, the five cent, 1847, U. S.; and made some clever hits; while Mr. Dodd regaled the diners with a bit of comedy that will not be forgotten for many a day. We may add that the "farewell" song was a surprise for which Mr. Mudge was responsible. The year starts out most auspiciously for the society as the banquet generated an enthusiasm for the good old Chicago Philatelic Society that will not soon be spent, we are sure.

"STAMP COLLECTING" SYNDICATED.

The well known English weekly *Stamp Collecting* has been syndicated by its publishers, although the names of the members of the syndicate have not been made public. The new move is designed to enhance the stability of the publication and we congratulate Mr. Dalwigk and his associates upon the success attending their efforts.

N. Z. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

According to the *Postage Stamp*, an entirely different postmark is being used by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force on land from that which was used by the offices on the troopships. The troopship marks were long horizontal ovals, the land postmark in use at Cairo is a horizontal oblong, but is also struck in violet:

N. Z. MILITARY POST OFFICE

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BISHOP'S REVIEW OF "GAMBIA."

The eighth of the excellent handbooks issued by the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Company, Boston, Mass., is "The Postage Stamps of Gambia" by Mr. R. E. R. Dalwigk. This is a very thorough and workmanlike study of the fascinating stamps of this colony. The illustrations include some helpful diagrams; and of the handbook as a whole it may be said that not a line is wasted on padding or redundancy. The price is 10 cents post free from the publishers in Boston, U. S. A.—*Stamp Collecting*.

"NORTH-WEST PACIFIC" STAMPS.

A new stamp issuing colony! This is the report that comes to us from the *Postage Stamp*:—"Another new page will have to be opened up in our stamp albums under the rather wide title of 'North-West Pacific.' This is one of the most interesting philatelic developments of the war, which has already produced a considerable variety of stamp novelties in the islands of the Pacific. It will be remembered that, having temporarily occupied certain groups formerly in German possession, notably the Marshall and Caroline groups, Japan handed over the administration of them to Australia in November. They are now in the occupation of Australian troops, and Colonel S. A. Pethebridge, C. M. G., late Secretary to the Commonwealth Minister for Defence, has been appointed "Australian Commissioner for the Pacific." I learn that the Commissioner sailed from Sydney on November 28th to take up his duties, and along with him he took a stock of Australian postage stamps overprinted "NORTH-WEST PACIFIC." So far there is no news of the Japanese having resorted to the surcharging of the German colonial stamps during their temporary occupation."

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EDITORIAL.

Perf. 10—The current stamps perforated 10 seem to be much in the minds of collectors just now. Perhaps, our notice in the issue of January 23rd, 1915, that the new perforation was to be abandoned had something to do with the wave of interest now seen, but aside from this collectors from the first realized possibilities for the larger perforation as they surmised that it was experimental. The stamps perforated 10 now issued are the one to thirty cent inclusive and the four stamps of the Pacific-Panama set; and with the exception of several of the values we have seen them all.

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Money—The dealer who makes a pretense of stocking United States stamps closely finds financial considerations entering more prominently than before in his calculations. The single line watermarks, the parcel post, the changes in design, the imperforates and coils, etc., topped off with the demand for blocks have required a substantial outlay for unused stamps that dealers find a bit staggering in their consistent efforts to keep their stocks complete to date. When the difficulty of finding the stamps in prime collecting condition is coupled with the small margin of profit in handling these stamps, this stock almost resolves itself into an accommodation line. The dealer has his problem but as the collector is apt to gain the benefit in this case, who should do the worrying?

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Permanent—We do not remember having mentioned here that the Association for Stamp Exhibitions, New York City, which conducted the great exhibition in October, 1913, has been made a permanent body. The original clause applying to members has been amplified by the addition of the word "annually": "Any person may become a member of this association by signing the roll to be kept by the secretary and paying the sum of one dollar annually." Action has been taken tentatively on the establishing of a College of Philately and,

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Belgium, 1c, 1c, 1c, 2c, 5c, 5c, 10c cancelled Havre, on cover	30
Bosnia, 7h, 12h charity	14
France, 15c red cross, surcharged	08
France, 15c red cross, second issue	06
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quoting from the secretary's statement, "from present indications it looks as though the matter would be brought to a successful issue."

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To Bill—Our Bill Bloss in the most stressful periods of critical emotional episodes remains unshaken and imperturbable. We take it that the fiercest exhalation of Æolus would not ripple the calm of Bill. While Bill's head is not whitened with the frosts of many winters yet his tank of experience brims over. It is true that the juvenescence of Bill may even lead the captious to question the great superiority of his judgment but none who knows Bill in the flesh would accept these findings as absolute. That our conviction that Bill can rise to any emergency and then dispassionately deliver his edict is soundly based is shown easily. In answering an esteemed correspondent, Bill says, knowing of course that his own picture has never appeared on any stamp as he is not dead: "B. F. S.—Can't say who the handsomest man pictured on a stamp is. Some day we will hold a contest on this. Personally, I like King George pretty well."

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Just Like That—Even if the highly original inquiry specified in the foregoing paragraph had been reversed in regard to sex, Bill, with a blush, perhaps, would have answered the same, in effect. While bursting with sentiment, Bill never loses sight of the practical; and he would say again, no doubt, that "some day we will hold a contest" on "who is the handsomest woman pictured on a stamp." At any rate, speed the day when Bill announces his "handsomest man pictured on a stamp" contest, as we know that it will afford much entertainment. "De gustibus," etc., will be proved and curious choices will be made. For instance, we remember that a German paper said (or said that some one said) that the face of the president on the Liberia registration stamps of 1903 reminded him of a poodle dog,—but we must not steal Bill's thunder.

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No Walks, No Letters—Here is an example how the post office department demands modern conveniences for its letter-carriers in town and that it enforces disciplinary measures when called upon to do so. A letter addressed to ——— 13th Avenue, Tampa, Florida, was returned to writer, with the rubber-stamped inscription in two lines on the face of the envelope: "Service discontinued On Account of no Sidewalks."

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A Straw—A few words are taken from a letter at hand to show how our friends are constant in well doing for the WEEKLY. A package bearing an eight cent Buffalo and a three cent Columbian was sent and "the next day a note came to me from the postman asking if he might have the stamps and I sent them to him with a copy of the WEEKLY." Very good. Times change and we remember when it was no unusual thing to find foreign letters, es-

pecially, denuded of their stamp by "collectors" in the service, much to the disgust of the philatelic recipient of the mail.

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Two Types—From Mr. J. Saulnier, Fordham, New York City, we have received two types of the ten centimes, Switzerland, 1914, red on buff paper. In type I, there are seven horizontal lines on the stock of the bow; and there are more lines in the face of Tell under the eye and more hairs in the beard. Type II has six lines on the stock that run irregularly and the face has fewer lines; and there are other differences that manifest themselves under close scrutiny. Our informant says that the first type is quoted at about forty cents in Switzerland. Switzerland gives a good number of re-engraved stamps that are worth the attention of the collector.

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Big Batch—We are in receipt from a reader of a large lot of censored envelopes originating in the countries affected by the war and while on the whole, the covers are interesting, none of the markings call for special attention. A number of collectors who are in a position to secure quantities of the censored envelopes have enquired as to the value, present and future, of the covers. To them, we say that the envelopes in question have been advertised at different prices ranging from ten cents each upwards but we balk at predicting future values. When the military postmarks of the United States, for instance, in use in Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines during the Spanish-American war were coming in, they were sought after by a few collectors who paid something in the way of prices for the curiosities but nowadays, there is no steady demand for them. In fact, there are so many stamps to engage the attention of the collector that though he is interested in the "asides," he does not seem inclined to pay much money for them. While all is fish that comes to his net, he makes no effort based on dollars to obtain the curiosities of the kind.

NEW REVENUES ON POSTAGE PAPER.

It will take time to settle the question of the paper used for printing the new revenues. If our readers can help us out, please do so. The following from Wm. T. Kimball will be of interest:—

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THE PASSING OF THE GERMAN COLONIALS.

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A meeting of a stamp collectors society was called the other day to decide whether or no the society's activities should be entirely suspended during the continuance of the war. Obviously, some of the members felt that to pursue even this quiet, peaceful hobby at these times was comparable to fiddling while Rome was burning. But a tired and haggard warrior back from the front turned the vote against closing down. He explained that the horrors of war had brought him to nervous breakdown, and his doctor had urged him to devote as much of his time as possible to his stamps, and try to forget the nerve-racking scenes of the past months. There are many, even among civilians at home, to whom the distraction of a hobby is to be recommended as occasional relief from business anxieties, from the sorrows of war, and from the obsession of war news.

Most of the philatelic societies have decided to pursue quietly their ordinary course, that the interests of a large number of men and women engaged in the stamp trade may not suffer unnecessarily. None of the societies is rich in funds, but the Royal Philatelic Society has contributed fifty guineas to the Prince of Wales's Fund, and two of its Fellows, Captain Lord Arthur Vincent Hay and Captain Hamilton Hugh Berners, have given their lives in action. The Junior Philatelic Society has decided to make all its members serving

at the front honorary life members, and its roll of honour already totals over seventy, a fair proportion of its home membership. A first experimental auction sale of stamps conducted by Messrs. Harmer Rooke and Co. in aid of the War Relief Fund brought in over £200. These are but a few among many tokens that neither the societies nor the individual collectors are failing to seize such opportunities of service as may be theirs.

New Zealand's Stamps for Samoa.—The progress of the war is bringing much new interest into the collecting of stamps. The collector is more familiar than the average man with the extent of Germany's colonial possessions, and the gradual elimination of these is already being recorded in new stamp issues. The German New Guinea stamps have been overprinted with the initials of our Sovereign, "G. R. I.," and the German stamps of Togo have been overprinted and reissued by the Anglo-French administration of the territory.

This week's Australian mail brought the first of the New Zealand stamps overprinted with the name "Samoa" for use in this former German colony. New Zealand has already extended penny postage to Samoa, and the new stamps, of which only the 1/2d and 1d appear to have been on sale in Apia on Sept. 29, respectively bear the portrait of King Edward (the Georgian New Zealand stamps not being issued in the Dominion yet) and the emblematic figure of New Zealand conferring the boon of universal penny postage on the world. The full set of New Zealand stamps over-

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British Samoan War Rarities.—Before these stamps reached Apia the authorities in the Samoan capital used the German colonial stamps in stock at the post-office, overprinting them with large initials "G. R. I.," and the value expressed in English money. All the values from 3 pfennig to 5 marks were so surcharged, and most of them are likely to prove rare. The full set of these provisional stamps, with their new values, is as follows:

- 1/2d on 3 pfennig, brown.
- 1/2d on 5 pfennig, green.
- 1d on 10 pfennig, carmine.
- 2 1/2d on 20 pfennig, ultramarine.
- 3d on 25 pfennig, black and red on yellow paper.
- 4d on 30 pfennig, black and orange on buff paper.
- 5d on 40 pfennig, black and carmine.
- 6d on 50 pfennig, black and purple on buff paper.
- 9d on 80 pfennig, black and carmine on rose paper.
- 1s on 1 mark, carmine.
- 2s on 2 marks, blue.
- 3s on 3 marks, violet-black.
- 5s on 5 marks, carmine and black.

There is an error in the "1 shilling" overprint, reading "1 shillings"; of this my correspondent says there were only 100 copies, of which sixty were acquired along with sixty sets of the stamps taken up by the Administrator for the staff and fleet. Thus there were only forty copies of the error for the public, and the prices ruling for this rarity in Apia are high. Twenty pounds is said to have been paid for one, and my correspondent himself paid £14 for three of the stamps of the set, including one copy of the error.

It is interesting to note that all the German Colonial stamps now being converted by the British and Allied administrations bear a picture of the Imperial yacht, the Hohenzollern.

Anglo-French Togo.—The provisional stamps of the Anglo-French occupation of Togo promise to be more accessible to the collector than the "G. R. I." stamps of Samoa. The values overprinted "Togo; Anglo-French Occupation" are the 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 80 pfennig, and the 1-mark. It is now reported that the French have issued a separate set overprinted "Togo; Occupation Franco-Anglaise."

So far there is no news of what stamps were used during the temporary occupation by the Japanese of the Marshall Islands, or by the succeeding Australian administration. Nor have we news of stamp changes in Kiautschow, where the yacht Hohenzollern type of stamp has been in use for the past fourteen years. But each change of ownership of any of the German possessions will, no doubt, leave a permanent record in the stamp album, and these are days of splendid opportunities for the collector who keeps track of all the new stamps occasioned by the developments of the war.—*London Telegraph.*

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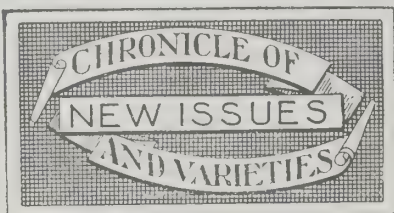
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UNITED STATES.—Scott's Circular notes that the current 2c postage due stamp has been seen with the new 10 perforation.

In giving the full list of the new revenues in No. 1257, we inadvertently omitted the 6c, 8c, 10c and 20c values, which should have been added to the Proprietary list.

Carl O. Swaney reports that the 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 7c, 9c, 12c and 50c values have been pre-cancelled "Trinidad-Colo." in two lines.

Milton R. Miller reports the 5c Panama-Pacific perforated 10.

AUSTRALIA.—The Australian Stamp Journal says that the 1/2d postage due stamp has been issued on thinner paper and perforated 14.

BELGIUM.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new Belgian Charity stamps, as noted in No. 1257. By the way, examination in strong daylight shows that the portrait and crosses are printed in red instead of carmine, and that the 10c value is also in two colors. They are printed in sheets of 100, in four panes of 25 stamps, and are sold at double face value, the additional sum being given to the Red Cross fund.

BOSNIA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us two new entires, for military service. Each is surcharged in black, "Feldpost," and across the stamp, "Postofrei."

Post Card.

5h green on buff.

Letter Card.

10h red on gray.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—A correspondent in the Dominican Republic informs A. W. Dunning that the official stamps of 1909-12 have been changed into postage stamps by overprinting the five values "Habilitado—1915." The 20c has been surcharged "Medio Centavo," in addition to the above thus converting it into a 1/2c stamp. The overprint is in violet on the 1/2c on 20c and dark red on the 1c, but we are unable to give the others.

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Whitfield King & Co. write: "The King George issue, 25c, 30c, 45c white back, 50c, \$1 and \$2 white back, were chronicled nearly twelve months ago, probably from specimen copies, but they have only just been put on sale, and our supply arrived by last mail. The colours and designs are the same as the King Edward issue, except of course the 45c and \$2 which are printed on the surface tinted paper."

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. Schachne has received two new international post cards. They have been divided obverse and bear the new type of stamp.

Post Cards.

10c carmine on light buff.
10x10c carmine on dark buff.

TOGO.—The Anglo-French conquest of the German Togo Colony has been signalized by the issue of two complete sets of surcharged stamps. The stamps used were of the German ship type, which were seized when the Colony was occupied by the combined French and English forces. All the stamps used were unwatermarked, except the 5pf, which were watermarked in both sets. Two values in each set were surcharged new values, the others receiving simply the overprints noting the change in Government. There were two settings of the Anglo-French overprint, the first having the lines 3 mm. apart and the second 2 mm. apart.

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W. T. Wilson has shown us a vertical pair of the 10c on 5pf green, showing the two types of the "10", one much heavier than the other; also specimens of the 1d on 5pf of the first printing, with lines 3 mm. apart; and the 20pf with "Franco-Anglaise" overprint.

Scott's Circular states that stock of German stamps seized by the allies were equally divided between the French and British forces. Each received the following quantities: 3pf, 7,350; 5pf, 28,000; 10pf, 1,000; 20pf, 7,350; 25pf, 4,250; 30pf, 6,700; 40pf, 600; 50pf, 24; 80pf, 600; 1m, 50; 2m, 40.

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—Among the useful stickers that are being employed to advertise stamp societies is one issued by the Metropolitan Philatelic Association. It is printed in red and blue on white and has three sections, the upper and lower being devoted to the name of the office of the Association and name and address of the officer. The central design shows the American eagle. Specimen from I. C. Greene.

—H. Tasker has just issued a "Price List of Real Bargains," a 12 pp. leaflet of more than ordinary merit. It may be had on postal card request.

—Otto Frank informs us that he has the 20pf German surcharged "Belgien" in two types. In the first printing the space between "25" and "C" is nine-tenths of a millimetre while in the second printing it is one and three-tenths millimetres.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder (2), J. V. Doyle.

—The International Stamp Co., Covington, Ohio, would like to know the address of S. Winberg. Mail sent to his former address in N. Y. City fails to reach him. May we renew the suggestion that we have made previously,—that dealers take special care in the matter of sending approval selections requested by boys in N. Y. City and Brooklyn.

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Tuesday, Feb. 16th, is the date of the Annual Jollification of the Boston Philatelic Society and we hope that there will be a large attendance to enjoy the exhibitions and encourage the new officers.

There will be an informal dinner at the City Club, probably in the new club house, at 6 p. m., for which there will be a charge of \$1.50 for each one participating. To ensure a seat at the table the enclosed postal must be received not later than Monday, Feb. 15th, in order that the Steward may make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting (330th) will be held in the club room in the Tremont Building at the usual time. The applications of Mr. C. W. Tuttle and Dr. Richard F. O'Neil will be voted upon. There will be an auction sale for the benefit of the Club Library. Mr. Ralph N. Hall will show his very interesting collection of U. S. Adhesives and Mr. A. C. Needham his fine lot of Cape of Good Hope and St. Vincent.

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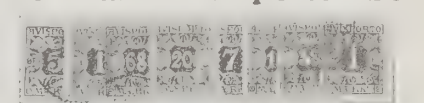
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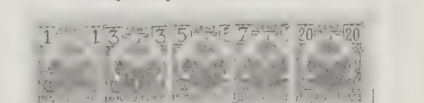
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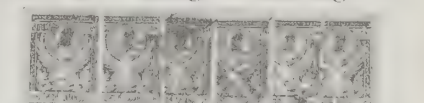
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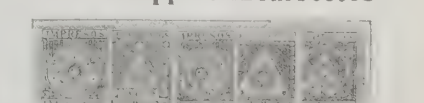
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McKeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE FABLE OF THE COLLECTOR WHO TRIED TO GET THEM ALL.

Once upon a Time in the town of Wheresit, Missouri, a Young Child was born. At an early age he developed Avaricious Tendencies by stealing Brother Tommy's Nursing Bottle. It was proven that he was a direct descendant of Captain Kidd on his father's side, and that his mother's great grand-father was The Man who Invented Money. With such a Send-off, the Young Child could hardly be expected to grow up Poor. At the age of Three, he could count a Million and could Sight a Dollar-Bill through a Brick Wall. At five he wrote a Treatise on the Financial Troubles of the Solomon Islands, and had Euchred \$98.46 from Kind-Hearted Grandma by his Hard-Luck Stories. When he was seven he was Separated from his School for teaching the little girls to Shake Dice at Recess. He organized the Barnyard Cubs into a Junior Federal League and Copped Off Half the Gate Receipts for his Labors. He stole a case of Eggs from a Grocer and Sold them back to him before he missed them. By such Manipulations of Finance, he grew to be Intensely Wealthy. He was so rich that the local merchants Starved to Death cutting the Prices to Gain his Business.

After our friend had All the money in Wheresit in his vaults, he decided to Capture a Metropolis. He Cashied In and Grabbed the Rattler for the Place of Large Buildings. Using his Home-grown Knowledge of the Ways and Habits of the American Hog, he soon invented a process to use every part of the beast from the Hoof to the Smell. After ten years of Money Chasing, he took stock and found that he was worth More Than the U. S. Treasury. He bought a National Bank so that he could sign Bank Notes instead of Checks. He purchased a Yacht larger than the Panama Navy. He built a Shack on the Drive that made King George's House look like a Dog-Kennel. He was so wealthy he could afford to Sleep on a Billiard Table, and had Plumbers to run errands for him. Friend Wife grew Lonesome because no one in society could Afford to Keep Up with Her Styles. About this time, Congress passed a bill forbidding him to make any more money.

Being unable to collect any more Capital, friend Rox decided to collect Things. He started in on paintings and bought a collection big enough to make all the Dead Artists wake up and Look Around. He paid a quarter of a million for a genuine Rembrandt, made on the East Side of New York. After he could find no more paintings of interest, he started in on curios and antiques. He bought a portable bath-tub used by Napoleon, a tooth-pick said to belong to John D. Rockefeller, and the whiskers of a muskox shot by Doc Cook when he discovered the pole. He was overjoyed when a dealer offered him a thigh-bone with absolute evidence that it belonged to Noah. Soon his house looked like a Madison Street Pawn-shop on the night before Christmas. He kept three officers busy all the time Shooing the Dealers and Junk-men away.

One day he received a letter with a Funny Looking Stamp on it, and an Idea startled him. Why not collect these things? Surely, it would be possible to get them All. He got busy and bought a Catalogue and the Necessary Junk to make him a collector. He learned that there were at least 28,463 varieties to keep him busy. Every dealer in N. Y. played him for a Hick and he soon had the nicest lot of Trash outside of an Auction Lot "Aziz." The way they slipped the skin off that fellow's bank-roll would make a stock broker's hand tremble. Pretty soon, he took stock and found that he had them all but a Hundred. He hired four Secre-

taries and got close to the trail of these missing ones. The more he hunted them, the more he wanted them. By the American Method of Persuasion, he got the seventy-five easiest ones. Then he started to Hike after that other twenty-five in person.

He found an old sailor in Newfoundland who had one he needed on cover. He filled him full of What Made Milwaukee Famous and got the cover. Next he dropped around to the Hawaiian Islands and Slipped the Chief of Kaeiou a can of Boston Baked for two Missionaries. He nearly lost an arm Arguing about a copy of the only French stamp he needed, and the Frenchman would have won only he was Stricken with Paralysis. Finally when he had gotten thrown out of Buckingham Palace three times for trying to coax King George to trade his Post Office Mauritius for a Beer Stamp on Original Cover, all trace of our little friend was lost. Nothing more was heard of him for some time.

One day an Old Gink with Whiskers like a Muskrat was seen rambling along State Street, Chicago, with his eyes cast down. He was poorly clad and shivered in the cold winds from Lake Mich. Suddenly a Post-man passed him, and with a mad dash, he jumped on the P. M. and tore eagerly through his letters. With a shriek of insane glee he jumped ten or fifteen feet in the air and shouted, "I have it." He held up a copy of Sonora No. 1 with the Centavob error, postmarked "Columbus, Ohio." Readers with powers of deduction will readily recognize the old man as our hero.

Three men were required to hold down the poor collector. Once he escaped and Bit a Large Piece out of the sidewalk near Madison Street. (Ed. Note:—The mark may be seen by anyone passing that way.) Finally, they Filed the Poor Nut Away in the Bug Ward. His room was papered with roses and he spent the rest of his life Picking the Roses off the Paper. Occasionally he would rave 23,896, 23,897 and would make Funny Motions like a Stamp Collector Chasing a Hinge around an Album Page. Friend Wife couldn't see the joke to the stamps, so she sold them to a Stamp Fan in a small town West of Chicago. The proceeds went to found a Home for Friendless Alligators.

Immoral:—Don't try to get them all. Leave a few for the other fellow.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. A. C.—Mr. Chester Myers, 300 S. 3rd Street, St. Louis, Mo., is desirous of corresponding with you regarding the precancel of five dots which you wrote about a few weeks ago.

O. V. R.—By paid cancellations, I take it you mean permits. Permits have no value, though some collectors might be induced to buy them. It is impossible to get a complete list of these, and very little interest is shown in them by collectors. They are collectible, however, and I should imagine that you could form quite a nice collection without spending any money. "Paid cancellations" refer also to the early issues cancelled with the word "Paid," a cancellation much in demand, by specialists. The 1908 Special Delivery listing 35c unused can be had for 20c.

H. E. B.—Your 50c Honk Kong stamp printed in black on green paper is No. 96. You will notice in the front of the catalogue an explanation stating that "when the color of the stamp is printed in italics, it signifies that the stamp is printed in black on paper of the color stated." Therefore, your 50c stamp is printed on green paper, not in green ink. Chalky paper bears a shiny appearance and is slightly heavier. This stamp does not come on ordinary paper to the best of my knowledge. A little

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D. J. G.—While your pen-cancelled cover is curious, it has no special value. Many of the smaller post offices resort to pen-canceling at times. This probably accounts for the cover, though it should have been cancelled, with a cancelling stamp.

R. M.—"Avisporto" appears on the special series of Newspaper stamps of Denmark, issued in October, 1907. Please address further inquiries as directed at the head of this column.

H. K. B.—The 25c Chile Jubilee and Presidential series is one of the scarcest values of the sets, which accounts for the reason it is omitted from most sets. There are more of some values than of others, hence many collections cannot contain all values. This 25c is so scarce that I think it worth half catalogue wholesale.

J. G. L.—I do not consider that the French Colonials will be as desirable as the Germans, as the reason the German Colonials are in demand is because Germany has lost many of her Colonies. If the tide of war should turn and the French lose their Colonies, their stamps would probably be as much in demand as the German Colonials. Very few sets are offered of these as the catalogue value does not permit of a fair margin of profit, compared with other sets. A large quantity of every set comes into the hands of the dealers, hence they are not as scarce as though they were not disposed of in this way. Yes, the used copies are quite desirable. From a collector's point of view they are far better used than unused, though the value may be less.

H. L. V.—Send a stamped addressed envelope for the A. P. S. blank. We will be mighty glad to have you among us, and it will be the most value you ever got for 15c a month. Why not?

B. F. S.—Can't say who the handsomest man pictured on a stamp is. Some day we will hold a contest on this. Personally, I like King George pretty well.

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By F. J. MELVILLE.

In glancing through the fifteenth edition of Whitfield King & Co.'s we noted how up-to-date it was in the matter of such recent items as the French Red Cross stamps, but remarked also the absence of any heading for Epirus. This led us to query the publishers, who are usually very well informed on most Eastern stamp matters, as to whether they had information relating to the stamps which had led them to leave Epirus out.

Our query was worth while for it brought some interesting notes and some new illustrations, some of which have not figured in our new issue chronicle.

"Our only reason," wrote Whitfield King & Co., "for not including Epirus in the new catalogue is because when we went to press with that section of the catalogue we had insufficient reliable information, and rather than include stamps which we might afterwards have to take out we decided to omit the whole of them until we could make up a reliable list."

Even now our correspondents state that they are still uncertain as to which of the stamps are doubtful, but they are proceeding with their enquiries.

In the meantime they assure us that we

may take it for granted that the set for Autonomous Epirus showing an evzone or light infantryman, shooting, are quite authentic. Presumably this applies to the stamps of similar design with inscription reading either "Epirus" or "Autonomous Epirus" (Fig. 2). The Death's Head stamps (Fig. 1) they are not so sure of; they have a few sets of these, both with and without the control. A reference to the *Stamp Lover* chronicle of new issues (Vol. VII, p. 10) will show that a pair exists, one with and one without the control. Neither the Koritza set nor the large flag stamps for Erseka have quite satisfied our correspondents, and they are seeking further information.

Koritza, (Fig. 4) This set, already noted in our chronicle, is now illustrated better from a copy sent by our correspondents. There are only three denominations of these, the 5, 10, and 25 lepta.

Erseka, (Fig. 3.) This, like the preceding set, is as yet not fully authenticated. It comprises seven values, viz., 5, 10, 25, 50 lepta, 1, 2, and 5 drachmae.

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Greeks, and the Albanian stamps found in the Post Offices were overprinted with a double-headed eagle and inscription in Greek as shown in Figure 5.

We also illustrate one of the Chimara overprints on Greece (Fig. 6), and one of the Skanderbeg stamps of Albania, which we have often mentioned but not hitherto illustrated (Fig. 7).—Stamp Lover.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS AND NOTES.

Australia.—What might be termed a provisional issue appeared at the G. P. O., Sydney, on the 6th instant, on which date we were able to purchase some 4d stamps, King George design, similar to the 1d stamps now current. It seems that in consequence of the war there was a shortage of paper suitable for printing the kangaroos, and as the stock of 4d denomination had run low, recourse was had to the King George paper, and as a consequence the King George design had to be used, the denomination being altered. The provisional character of this stamp may develop into a permanency, but in any case we understand that a large number of sheets have been issued, sufficient to last over several months. (Wmk. Cr. & A perf. 14 comb.)

4d King Geo. orange yellow.

New Zealand.—Mr. P. B. Phipson and another friend have informed us that the plates for the King George stamps are in the printer's hands, and that the work of printing the new stamps is being proceeded with. No date has yet been fixed for their issue, but it was considered probable that by about the 11th of this month some of the denominations would be on the market.

A full description of these stamps appeared in our August number. The values are as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 2d, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 4d, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 6d, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 9d, 1s. We hope to be able to publish the correct colours next month.

North-West Pacific.—We have been informed on reliable authority that only two denominations of Australian stamps have been overprinted for use in this district, viz., the 1d King George and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d kangaroo. The overprint consists of "N. W. Pacific Islands" in block type in three horizontal lines.

1d King George, carmine.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d kangaroo.

Our correspondent did not give us the colour of the overprint, but we take it to be black on the 1d and red on the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The stamps were to be issued as soon as the Commissioner reached his headquarters, but where these are to be we are unable at present to say. Nowadays it is not wise to know too much.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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By THEODORE SIDDALL.

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The Russian 25 kopeck is out with surcharge in black, instead of blue, and appears to be in a larger type. The post office here had only ten sheets, and the postmaster said he thought it must be an error.

Also, I am told, the Rusians will issue another set of Charity stamps, to be sold above face value, in aid of the sufferers from the war.

Kiaochao is now using ordinary Japanese stamps, without any surcharge. It was reported that the Germans transported their small remaining stock of Kiaochao stamps here to Shanghai, before they were shut up in the siege, but if so nobody has seen them. There was only a small stock remaining.

If the Germans don't smoke up, it won't be worth their while to maintain post offices here in China. Their office here in Shanghai is perhaps the largest they have in the East, and they handle some days as many as four or five letters, other days none, and occasionally run up to a couple of dozen.

The Japanese China surcharges are coming along with the new watermarked paper. If they would issue them all at once, or keep them issued when they had started, one could chronicle them, but one day you go to the Jap post office and get the old issue, the next day you get unwatermarked, and the third day the watermarked, and the fourth day one of the previous kinds. The clerk at the stamp window is unusually stupid, even for a Japanese, and one can't find out much from him. I don't want to say the Japanese are a stupid lot, for they are not, but there are specimens among them who would carry off the bonehead prize anywhere.

The 30 cent China, reaper type, first printing, has been seen in the color of the 20 cent. Scarce error?

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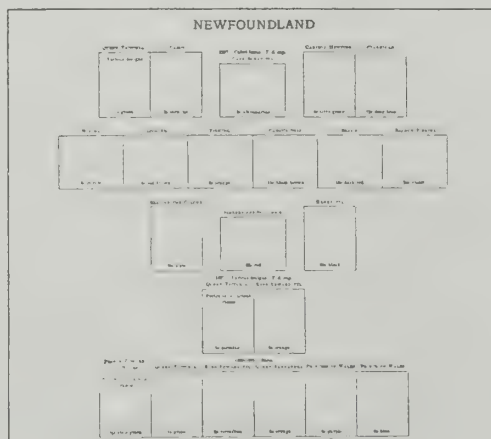
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NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—How London would repel a Zeppelin attack was told today at the Aero Club of America by Joseph A. Steinmetz, inventor of the air mine. Mr. Steinmetz, who is vice-president of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, and a prominent automobile and motor boat builder of Philadelphia, has just returned from England, where he sold the rights to use his device.

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IS IT THE WORTHINGTON?

There is a well-defined rumor that the big collection of this country which had been designed as a gift to a city by the lakes, may be thrown on the market. It is to be hoped that this is not true. A separate wing was being built to accommodate this wonderful accumulation, and philatelists had hoped that this might be realized. There is in the present instance no need of the owner apparent. It is not necessary for him to realize as might be the case with one suddenly bereft of fortune, but it is simply a misunderstanding between the donor and the trustees of the museum. Let us hope the matter may be amicably adjusted, and that we may witness the original idea become a reality. In this respect it should be borne in mind that stamps are quite different in their adaptability for public inspection to any other property, and unless donors are prepared and able to also furnish the necessary equipment, and an endowment for its upkeep and care, directors and curators do not want them. Even the Tapling collection fails in this respect since the great rarities are carefully locked up in steel safes, and a special permit is necessary to view them.—Everybody's Philatelist.

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Courtesy of W. C. STONE.

The Springfield Stamp Club celebrated its 20th anniversary with a banquet at Forbes & Wallace's restaurant Friday evening, February 12, the actual anniversary falling on the 8th. The tables were arranged in the form of a diamond and about forty were present. Each club member found at his plate a handsome leather bound pocket stock book ("made in Springfield") inscribed "Twentieth Anniversary Souvenir Springfield Stamp Club 1895 1915", a representation of the club badge and his own name. For the ladies there were boxes of confections.

During the banquet, letters were read by J. W. Prevost of the entertainment committee from absent and non-resident members as well as from President Coolidge of the A. P. S., and from representatives of the Boston, Worcester and Hartford societies as well as numerous other friends.

President B. A. Oppenheimer acted as toastmaster and after a piano solo by Mrs. Thomson called on William C. Stone to respond to the toast, "It was some club when I was president." Mr. Stone (who has been president three times, serving in all seven years, E.), gave sketches of the early days of the club and also told of a former organization which was in existence in 1879-81 and showed copies of its by-laws and of the Philatelic News, the magazine published by the association of which but few copies are now probably in existence. Mrs. Kitson then rendered a solo, after which in response to an encore she sang the following original verses which were much applauded:

'Twas a little while ago,
Only twenty years or so,
When Ed. Curtis, Prevost, Stone,
Struggled hard for stamps to own.
Then came Bartlett, Ward, Champagne,
Still they struggled just the same,—
And little did they dream
Of a stamp club so supreme,—
'Twas a little while ago,
Only twenty years or so.

Springfield Stamp Club, how it's grown!
With a fame so widely known.
Scores of pleasant days it's passed
Holding memories sure to last.
With these recollections bright
Let us hold a gala night,
Celebrating our first year
With a hale and hearty cheer,
And stamp husbands we'll endure
Though they're still without a cure,—
Since that little while ago,
Only twenty years or so.

Dr. N. P. Bugbee was then called upon to give "Some hair raising reminiscences" which were enjoyed even by the member at whose expense they were told. Dr. Hugo Thomson said that "The arduous duties of a club librarian" so bore upon him that he was compelled to have an assistant to aid him in keeping his work up to date. Edmund Oppenheimer then favored us with a song, responding to an encore with "Tipperary," everyone joining in the chorus. Mrs. Prevost then gave some recollections of the early days from the women's standpoint which contained many quiet digs at the men folk. Our Hongkong specialist, Robert C. Munroe, who has

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92 Br. Guiana '81, 1c on 48c rose	1.75	.74
94 1881, 1c on 12c official..	2.50	.99
103 1882, 1c rose I	1.75	.74
104 1882, 1c rose II	1.75	.74
113 1880, 2c lilac .....	.60	.24
207 1877, 2c orange	3.75	1.82
208 1877, 4c ultramarine	5.00	2.02
1 Br. Honduras 1863, 1p blue	1.75	.75
4 1872, 1p blue	1.25	.53
5 1872, 3p brown	3.00	1.23
7 1872, 1sh green	4.00	1.77
13 1882, 1p blue	1.25	.51
14 1884, 1p rose .....	.35	.14
15 1884, 4p violet .....	.75	.30
24 1888, 20c on 6p yellow..	1.00	.40
45 1895, 5c ultramarine35	.13
9 Federated Malay 5c lilac and olive	1.00	.32

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just returned from San Francisco, was asked to respond to "I love my wife, but Oh you Hongkong maidens!" In a very witty manner he set forth the many attractions of these beauties, saying that they had four sets of teeth and were generally on the square. Their complexions varied, and while most had white backs, some had dirty faces, and others gum on their backs. To get them one must roam from one end of the earth to the other. Mrs. Munroe, clad in a most appropriate costume, then gave the "daffodil dance," an original exemplification of the terpsichorean art which was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Prevost, who is one of the charter members of the club and who has been for many years a member of the entertainment committee, was the concluding speaker and told "How it seems to be entertained."

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EDITORIAL.

At Any Rate—Our remarks on the stamps of the current issue perforated 10 in the preceding number were somewhat bewildering in the light of information that scarcely was confirmatory that appeared in our issue of the 6th instant. However, our observations in last week's issue were not wholly inspired by what temporarily has been proved to be the misinformation of a contemporary, as were told by a Washington correspondent that the large perforation was foredoomed even though no edict had gone forth from the postal fathers. The assumption is based, says our informant, upon the complaints from the post office clerks who are under the strain of selling stamps rapidly to a clamoring line of waiting customers. The stamp sellers aver that it is harder to handle the large perforation without tearing the stamps than it is the smaller perforations. It is fair to say that the public likewise cites the same objection. It may not be that it will be a case of love's labor lost on the part of those who hurried to get their blocks of the perforated 10.

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Economic Hitch—We want to establish more cordial relations between the dealers and the collectors. We hope that the point of contact between the two classes will continue to become enlarged until the stamp dealers become most skilful tacticians in the field of human nature. Conditions of today, while improved over those of former years, by no means are ideal. At present there are too many controversies between dealer and collector that advanced and intelligent business conduct would avoid. Of course, the buyer often is unreasonable but he is the one to be catered to in view of the fact that he has the money to spend. Instead of trying to place any "blame" on either side let us seek to discover the causes of any friction between sellers and buyers and aim to remove them. First it will be necessary for dealers to dismiss from mind any antagonism that may exist for collectors by reason of isolated instances of unfairness on

Austria 7h and 12h charity \$.12
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their part. Dealers who seem habitually to take occasion on small pretext to resent the methods of the buyer, should replace their feeling with one that is in accord with the spirit of today in a business sense. Admittedly, there are two sides to the argument, but when both sides get together, there will be no argument.

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Below Face—Some time ago, we called attention to the fact that in the 60's the complete set of the United States, 1857-60 issue unused could be bought much under face. The advertisement of a dealer that appeared in May, 1868, was quoted in support of the statement. Through the courtesy of Mr. Edwin R. Kershaw of Perry, New York, who sends a copy of the *St. Louis Philatelist* for June, 1881, which he "found when looking through some of his father's old papers," we offer testimony comparatively recent to the fact that the demand for the unused stamps in question was a halting one for many years. The *St. Louis Philatelist* was published by E. F. Gambs, St. Louis, Mo., "as often as practicable," and distributed gratuitously to his patrons. It was several years afterwards that Mr. Gambs removed from St. Louis to San Francisco. In his paper, Mr. Gambs listed the ten and twelve cent 1851 (really the 1857-60 issue) unused at ten cents each; the twenty-four and thirty at thirty cents each and the ninety at seventy-five cents, all unused. For that matter, at the same time Mr. Gambs was selling the used five and twelve of the 1861 issue for three cents each; the fifteen and twenty-four for five cents apiece; the thirty for ten cents and the ninety at fifty cents; while the one cent, 1869, was priced at three cents; the two at one; the six, ten, twelve and fifteen at six cents; the twenty-four and thirty at ten and the ninety at one dollar, each.

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Familiar Sound—There is an article in the paper of June, 1881, mentioned in the preceding paragraph which has a prophetic sound: "Scarcity of U. S. Stamps." Speaking of the denominations, twenty-four cents to ninety, inclusive, of the issues through that of 1869, the observation is made: "Every dealer knows that it is seldom the case they are ever offered, and when they are the quantity is too limited to be of any benefit. In our eight years' experience we have never yet received half enough to supply our trade and it is not infrequently the case that we are compelled to offer retail prices for them in order to accommodate many of our patrons." Thirty-five years later, the same parallel exists but it has been extended to include all the United States, with the exception of the three cent, of the issues named.

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Antediluvian—Who launched that most typical of all philatelic "jokes" on the troubled sea of the ages: "Why is the 1r, Mexico, 1864 (or other properly selected stamp) not worthy a place in any collection?" The answer: "Because it is unreal." We have traced the responsibility for the jape down to Mr.

French Morocco, 15c red cross08
Germany Surch'd Belgium 3c, 5c, 10c, 25c20
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Gambs as we find in a list of questions that were asked on a Saturday afternoon, according to his house-organ of June, 1881: "A fourth desired to ascertain if the word 'Un real' (one real) indicated that it was 'an unreal stamp' (counterfeit)."

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Stamp Tax in Canada—We are informed that new Canadian taxes will be enforced by a series of revenue stamps which is in course of preparation. Our correspondent says that the stamps will soon be available for use as he has been assured that the contingency calling for them had been foreshadowed.

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Now You See It—From Mr. Ora E. Stark, Omaha, Nebraska, we have received the following interesting letter: "I notice your article on revenue stamps in your issue of February 6th, showing conclusively that no 1/2, 1, 2 or 3 cent proprietary stamps were issued. Mr. James M. Doyle of this city has shown me a copy of the 2 cent proprietary, of the same general design and color as the other values and with the U. S. I. R. watermark. He states that these stamps were among the first received at the internal revenue office here after the law was passed; and a block of four of the 2 cent value was affixed to a box of chewing gum. As soon as the gum was sold, Mr. Doyle secured the stamps from the merchant who bought them and was not aware that the issue of this value was disputed until after reading your article. Whether these 2 cent stamps were withdrawn from issue before the publication of the circular mentioned or whether they were inadvertently omitted from the list, I cannot say, but having seen the stamp with my own eyes, I am, to put it mildly, strongly tempted to argue that we have not been 'shown conclusively.' Plainly there is some confusion of ideas in relation to the inclusion of certain denominations in the proprietary set as Mr. Stark has had visual proof of the existence of the 2 cent. It may be said that the values under notice were not found in some of the largest and most comprehensive stocks sent out from Washington.

DEATH OF JULIUS LEVY.

The advertisement of the Empire Stamp Co., on page 8 contains the sad announcement of the death of the firm's manager, Mr. Julius Levy. We have no particulars to hand as we go to press, other than the bare announcement as stated.

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THE "RED CROSS" STAMPS OF FRANCE.

By FRANZ REICHENHEIM.

Shortly after the outbreak of hostilities some of the countries involved issued certain special war charity stamps or postal stationery to be sold for the benefit of their red cross societies. In France a special "Red Cross" stamp was created by a decree of the President of the Republic, dated August 11th, 1914. This is published in *Bulletin Mensuel des Postes et des Télégraphes* of September, 1914, and reads as follows:—

"Decree of August 11th, 1914, creating a special postage stamp, called 'Stamp of the French Red Cross.'"

The President of the French Republic, In pursuance of the report of the Minister of Commerce, Industry, Post, and Telegraph:

DECREES—
Art. 1.—A special postage stamp, called 'Stamp of the French Red Cross,' has been created. The public will be able to use this stamp, but only for inland correspondence, for franking purposes up to the value of 10c.

Art. 2.—This special stamp will be sold at 15c. The difference between the sale price and the franking value, less the legal deduction of 1 per cent., will be paid to the committee created at the War Office, by Decree of August 8th, 1914, under the authority of the Military Health Department, and in conjunction with the various French Red Cross societies.

Art. 3.—Provisionally, until new stamps are ready, the public will have at their disposal ordinary postage stamps of 10c, overprinted with the sign of the red cross and surcharged 5c.

Art. 4.—The Minister of Commerce, Industry, Post, and Telegraph, and the Minister of Finances, each as far as he is concerned, are charged with the execution of this Decree.

Given at Paris, August 11th, 1914.
The Minister of Finances,
NOULENS.
R. POINCARÉ,
For the President of the Republic;
The Minister of Commerce, Industry,
Post, and Telegraph,
GASTON THOMSON."

The provisional "Red Cross" stamps authorized by the above decree were issued to the post offices on August 17th, and placed on sale on the following day, the following order being sent by the postal administrations of the various districts to their respective post offices:

"Postal Administration of the District of the Seine.
General Service No. 224.
SERVICE ORDER.

SIR,
I beg to inform you that you will receive postage stamps in value of 10c, bearing a surcharge of 5c. The sale of these stamps to the public at 15c each will begin at once. Their value shall not be charged against and their proceeds not be credited to the general account. On the contrary, the proceeds from the sale are to be kept separately. The same applies to the value of the stamps remaining unsold. Supplementary instructions as to the accounts to be kept for this special purpose will be issued without delay.

Paris, August 17th, 1914.
The Director of the Postal Administration of the District of the Seine,
FERRIERE."

With this order were issued posters printed at the National Printing Office for exhibition at post offices on and after August 18th.
These posters read:—

"SALE OF SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMP called
STAMP OF THE FRENCH RED CROSS
Only to be used for inland correspond-
ence.
SALE PRICE: 0 FR. 15.
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NATIONAL PRINTING OFFICE.
2688—676—1914."

Although it is expressly stated in the above-mentioned documents that these "Red Cross" stamps are available for inland correspondence only, it is worthy of note that letters to foreign countries bearing them in part-payment of postage have, so far, not been taxed as insufficiently stamped owing to non-compliance with the regulations.

The sale of these stamps seems to have been very small in Paris. This is shown by the following order issued by the postal administration of the District of the Seine, and dated September 9th, 1914:—
"Postal Administration of the District of the Seine.
General Service No. 253.
SERVICE ORDER.

SIR,
The attention of the postal administration has been drawn to the small number of "Red Cross" stamps sold by the post offices in Paris. In accordance with information received this is principally due to the failure of officials not drawing the attention of the public to the sale. Will you please strongly advise the officials under your charge to exercise a greater zeal in offering these stamps to the public. It is essential that the posters advertising the sale, and containing the conditions of franking power of these stamps, are exhibited in conspicuous places in the public rooms of the post offices. It is expected that full attention will be paid to this matter.

Paris, September 9th, 1914.
The Director of the Postal Administration of the District of the Seine,
FERRIERE."

This order, which undoubtedly was also issued by the postal administration of other districts, seems to have had a good effect, as *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* gives the following figures as the result of the sale of the "Red Cross" stamps during the first six weeks: During the last fifteen days of August, 30,000fr; during the month of September, 90,000fr. Our contemporary adds that the sale during September, averaging about 3000fr a day, provides the means of caring for about 750 wounded soldiers a day, the daily costs of which amount to about 4fr each.

As regards the stamps themselves, the "ordinary postage stamps of 10c" as they are called in the decree, are in the redrawn sower type of November, 1906, overprinted with a thick red cross and surcharged 5c, both in a much darker red shade than the stamps.

The measurements are: height of the cross, 4 mm.; width of the cross, 4 mm.; thickness of the bars, 2 mm.; height of the figure, 4 mm.; height of the letter c, 1 1/2 mm.

If the overprint and surcharges are in their proper position—

1. A horizontal line drawn through their centre should meet the centre of the figure 0 of the original value of the stamp.

2. The surcharges and overprints should stand exactly in the centre between the value and the word "POSTES" of the original stamp, leaving an equally small space on either side.

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charges and overprints are slanting, so that the red cross and the figure 5 touch nearly the feet of the sower either on the extreme left or on the extreme right stamp respectively, instead of the top line of the red cross just touching the knee of the figure. Therefore, there are found some stamps on which the red cross covers entirely the letter c of the original value, whereas this letter ought to be quite visible. On others is found the red cross touching the figure 10 and the letter c of the surcharge or the word "POSTES."

It is interesting to note that the printing office started printing the stamps a few days before the decree authorising their issue was signed. The decree is dated August 11th, whereas the figures 508 at the bottom of a block before you show that this particular sheet was printed on August 8th (about the meaning of the various figures on the margins of the sheets of the French Stamps, vide "Monthly Report of the Herts Philatelic Society," Vol. VII, No. 3, p. 73).

These provisional stamps were replaced by stamps in a new design in the provinces on September 12th, and in Paris about a week later.

The service order issued by the postal administration of the district of the Seine (Paris) on September 20th, contains the following paragraph referring thereto:—

3rd. New type of the French "Red Cross" stamps. The Postage Stamp Department has just issued "Red Cross" stamps in a new design. This new stamp differs from the ordinary 10 centimes stamp by showing the value 10c underneath the word "REPUBLIQUE" in the left upper corner, and the sign of the red cross, and the value 5c underneath it, both in red, in a white rectangle in the left lower corner. The post offices will be supplied with stamps in the new design according to requirements.

The measurements are: height of the white rectangle, 9 mm.; width of the white rectangle, 5 mm.; height of the cross, 3 mm.; width of the cross, 3 mm.; thickness of the bars, 1 mm.; height of the figure 5, 4 mm.; height of the letter c, 1 1/2 mm.

In addition to the description given in the above Service Order the new design differs in other points from the provisional one:—

1. The vertical inscription on the right side of the stamp reads "CROIX ROUGE POSTES" instead of "POSTES" only.

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THE NEW ISSUES OF 1914.

The old year has gone and a new one has begun. There is none of us who does not cherish great hopes of what the new year has in store for us, and is not glad to see the back of 1914. I have deferred my gossiping review of the year to the second 1915 number of our journal only to allow the year to be completed before attempting to concoct a general narrative of the philatelic events of the year, and these notes are started just as the bells are about to ring in the new year of our dearest hopes.

New issues have been as plentiful in 1914 as ever, although there have been comparatively few commemoratives. Portuguese colonials have continued to add page after page to the albums of those collectors (if there be any) who attempt to follow them, and incidentally to give a rare time to the chronicler of new issues. French colonies, and more or less rebellious communities in the Near East and in Mexico have contributed heavily to the year's output of new stamps. And we must not forget the beam in the British imperial eye, our own dominions and colonies have done their share.

Within the Empire, taking Great Britain first there is only a set of four postage dues added to our adhesive stamp series, but a goodly range of shades, watermark varieties, and controls have had to be appended to the specialist lists of our ordinary adhesives which so far as their general issue was concerned was completed in August, 1913. Substantial progress was made in the manufacture of stamps in continuous rolls for coiling purposes, and the control of the distribution of our stamps has passed from the Inland Revenue to the Post Office Department. The control of stamp manufacture is, however, still with the former department until the new P. O. building at St. Martins-le-Grand is completed.

Australia's penny stamp with the portrait of King George, replacing the kangaroo penny, has passed through the stages of several printings in intaglio and has been re-drawn and issued as a surface-printed stamp. All through the year there has been much conflicting gossip of the other denominations to be issued in the series of varied designs intended to supersede the kangaroo design, and some were in an advanced state of preparedness when the elections brought back to power the Labour Government which gave Australia its kangaroo stamps. Certainly 10,000 sheets of the 6d engraved stamp, with the kookaburra design were printed and this denomination was issued. The 1s with the picture of a swan in compliment to the ex-Treasurer, Sir John Forrest, of Western Australia, was also ready and some sheets had been printed of this, but it has not been issued, and late in the year under review all the orders for electros, etc., in connection with the 2d, 6d and 1s and the other values above 1d have been countermanded, and correspondence is now mostly franked with kangaroo stamps except for a proportion of 1d King's heads. It is not improbable that the King's head will be used for the ½d and 1d stamps, but so far as the other values are concerned the present government is rather inclined to economy and has little wish to experiment further in regard to stamps, after its notable failure to please with the kangaroos.

New Zealand has been taking its time over the Georgian issue, but has, we gather, hit upon the happy plan of getting as near as is possible with a "King's head" to the style of design used for the original and still unexcelled "Queen's head"—the Penny Black of Great Britain. The first dies were not quite satisfactory and were returned to England for some alteration, which, although it means time, should result in a distinct advance in the King's head stamps of the Dominion, which in the Edwardian series were anything but pleasing. A

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few new overprinted issues have been recorded during the year from the dependencies of our go-ahead Pacific dominion, Aitutaki, Penrhyn and Niue. The addition of Samoa to these is a matter which we shall deal with a little later on, when we come to review the stamps issued in connection with or as a result of operations in the Great War.

Canada was considering during the past year the issue of a short series of stamps commemorative of the Canadian statesman and poet, Sir George Etienne Cartier, but the scheme did not eventuate. It has also been reported that Newfoundland was preparing a 2 cent stamp to be sold at 25 cents in connection with the colony's Patriotic War Fund, but there is no news that this has been done.

India's Georgian stamps were completed long since but from several of the Convention States we continue to get odd overprinted denominations, of which there have been several from Gwalior, Jhind and Patiala during the year under review. Early in the year some of the Georgian values were overprinted "C. E. F." for use with the China Expeditionary Force still maintained in the Republic of China. A complete set also has been overprinted I. E. F. in August or September for use with Indian troops engaged in the present war in Europe, and possibly Western Asia and Africa.

The chief factor in the year's new issues of stamps sent out under the aegis of the Crown Agents for the Colonies has been the coloured paper difficulty which was first noted in the

preceding year. "White backs" have enjoyed a spell of popularity, and provided a fresh impetus to the enthusiasm of the systematic collector of new issues, and to the success of the several new issue services. Now there is no longer any difficulty in obtaining the coloured through papers, and we understand that the mill where they were originally made, and the closing down of which caused the difficulty, is at work again, but whether on its old work or not we are unable to state. A very popular philatelic area has been brought once more into prominence by the amalgamation of Northern and Southern Nigeria into one protectorate under the title of "Nigeria" which name on a new set of Georgian keyplate stamps issued in May provides an unified set of stamps for both the Nigerias and incidentally carries the popular group of British "West Africans" another step, as outlined in the following synopsis from "Chats on Postage Stamps":—

National African Company, Ltd. (no stamps)—Royal Niger Company (Chartered of July 10, 1886) (British Stamps used abroad)—1892-1893. Oil Rivers Protectorate (Africa Order in Council, 1889); Niger Coast Protectorate, 1893: Northern Nigeria 1900, Southern Nigeria 1900, Lagos 1874, Southern Nigeria Feb. 16, 1906—NIGERIA.

To the above table have to be added Sierra Leone, Gambia and Gold Coast, all still separate stamp issuing colonies, and further developments in West Africa have already been commenced as an outcome of military operations in the present war.

Among the colonies which have extended their lists in the stamp catalogues during the year, chiefly with the gradual completion of Georgian sets, and here and there a "white back" are Malta, Ceylon, Leeward Islands, Montserrat, St. Vincent, British Guiana, Hong Kong, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, British Solomon Islands, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Dominica, Fiji, East Africa and Uganda, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Nyasaland Protectorate, Straits Settlements, Gold Coast, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, St. Lucia, etc.

The two interesting groups of English stamps overprinted for use in British post offices in the Levant and in Morocco have received several additional new varieties including the high value intaglio stamps, and one of the series has come to an abrupt end in the abrogation of the Capitulations by Turkey, while the Moroccan set, too, may henceforth be dispensed with as a result of Great Britain's recognition of the French Protectorate in Morocco.

That recognition of French protection in Morocco was a sort of *quid pro quo* for our Gallic Ally, when Britain proclaimed its protectorate over Egypt. The land of the Pharaohs figures among the notable stamp issues of the year with its fine series issued on January 8, 1914, the anniversary of the accession of the now deposed Khedive Abbas II. In this series Messrs. De La Rue & Co. have demonstrated a skill in pictorial stamp engraving and printing *en epargne* scarcely less effective than most intaglio stamp work. The series does not appear to call for any alteration in design to bring it into line with the changed conditions of Egypt as a British Protectorate, but as I have hinted elsewhere, it may be considered desirable to print these Egyptian stamps in future on the Sudan "multiple star and crescent" paper instead upon the paper with the single crescent device. The single device is that which figured equally on the Turkish and the Egyptian flags under Turkey's suzerainty but now Egypt has a brand new flag, which has three crescents and stars upon it.

Of the European countries Switzerland has given us six new values in four new and rather ambitious designs. Sweden has gone ahead with its Olle Hjortsberg series, Denmark has printed

its stamps on the new paper heralded in *The Postage Stamp*, Serbia has issued its latest portrait series of King Peter in a range of new colours, Luxemburg has given us a portrait set of Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide's reign stamps which are said to have been largely superseded by German stamps since the violation of Luxemburg's neutrality by Germany in August; Norway has given us three rather staid commemoratives to mark the centenary of the Assembly at Eidsvold which inaugurated its Constitution, Greece has gone on giving us additions to the war list of the Balkans, and Epirus and Albania have come in as practically new pages, with some quaint old-time names for headings, in our stamp albums.

Turkey, which, Allah be praised, may not long remain a European country, was hot on Egypt's track with a new issue of beautiful pictorials in January last. The set rather upset all our old notions of Mohammedan ideas as regards picture stamps, portraying the "sacred" features of Sultan Muhammed himself, and showing us some of Turkey's teeth, such as the forts of the Bosphorus, the "Ministry of War," and the cruiser *Hamidieh*. On the next set Turkey issues we look for a calm and placid stretch of sea with not a ship to be seen, whereon an inscription "here lieth in deep water the *Goeben*, the *Breslau*, the *Hamidieh*" and any other ships they once were proud of. Some of these pictorial stamps have since been overprinted with a star indicating their sale on a discount basis to encourage merchants, etc., to use the Turkish in preference to the foreign post offices in Turkey, and now that these latter have been closed, new overprints proclaim the abrogation of the Capitulations.

In America the United States Post Office Department has wisely abandoned the projected Peace Celebration stamps commemorative of the 100 years of amity between the two great Anglo-Saxon nations, not through any rupture of that friendship, but because while one of the two nations is engaged in a gigantic struggle with another powerful enemy a peace celebration of any kind would be, to say the least, inappropriate. But the United States figures in the list of stamp issues for 1914 with the five new values added to the current series on May 1. It has also been recorded in *The Postage Stamp* that the wonderful machine, designed and constructed by Mr. Benjamin Stickney, of the Washington Bureau, has been brought into use for manufacturing stamps in endless rolls, by dry printing from recess-plates. A new perforation has been used for the booklets of stamps, and an extension of a variation in perforation is heralded so far as the ordinary sheet printed stamps are concerned.

Cuba as a Republic has followed its United States tutors in the matter of stamp manufacture and has produced a good set of regular values, and an express delivery stamp with an aeroplane design. In addition a special commemorative stamp issued during 1914 honours the memory of the Spanish poetess, Gertrudes Gomez de Avellaneda. Mexico has been to the fore with revolutionary provisionals and the Sonora stamps promise to provide a fairly wide field for the amateur specialist. Lately the Constitutionalists have become more ambitious in their stamp designs and the latest issue appears to be in a design apparently intended to be definitive, somewhat resembling the Cuban stamps produced in the States, but produced by lithography instead of steel-engraving. Hayti has overprinted its stamps (Gt. O. Z.) as the result of a change of president after a revolution in February, the initials representing the new President's name Oreste Zamor. Nicaragua has issued a new set in its Cordoba currency, and the Dominican Republic, one of the few commemorating countries of the year, gave us a year too late a set marking the centenary of Juan Duarte which should have been ready in 1913.

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In the Far East, Japan has been changing its stamp paper, and its denominations have been appearing on the new waved-line watermarked paper. China, too, having got a set of Republican stamps of special design has started, under American tuition to do its own printing and has set up its own stamp factory at Peking, to be known as the Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The various values will doubtless provide a fresh study in printing variations for the specialist. Siam's currency fluctuations have led to a re-adjustment of the equivalents in satangs of the Postal Union unit rates of 5, 10 and 25 centimes, a re-adjustment which has been effected by surcharging, almost a staple industry—or shall we say fad?—with the Siamese authorities.

There is a philatelic moral to be pointed from 1914 as from a few years preceding it, and that is that in stamp collecting it is the unexpected which happens, and it is the unexpected which counts. The systematic collector of new issues gets a fair proportion of the things which count and which come unexpectedly. The collector subscribing to a new issue service has his net spread for him far wider than he can hope to spread it on his own account by separate purchasing and the changes which mean most are those which come so suddenly that when first one gets wind of them it is already too late to catch and land the fish—very mixed metaphor but metaphor, like refreshment is oftentimes more potent when mixed. In the coming year the wise ones will cast their nets in readiness for many a new provisional, not only interesting souvenirs of the greatest upheaval the world has known, but in many cases potential philatelic rarities. For those who bemoan the "good old times" when rare stamps were to be bought for "a mere song," we have only this to say; your philatelic opportunity is at hand, and another opportunity may never recur. To all this there is to be added that the general support of collectors is essential even at these times to the maintenance of the vitality of our scientific hobby and the stability of the stamp market.—*Postage Stamp*.

OMAHA STAMP CLUB.

The third regular meeting of the Omaha Stamp Club was held at 210 First National Bank Building on Friday, February 5, 1915, with President Hoyt and the following members present: Messrs. Parmelee, Stark, Irvine, Benson, Whipple, Thorson, Estes, Mehsner, Doyle, Lam, Newman and Mowry; visitor, Webster.

Mr. John Benson showed his collection of King Edward heads and it was a genuine treat, as it is safe to say that his collection can be surpassed by few in the United States.

By a unanimous vote, the club decided to apply to the American Philatelic Society for the reinstatement of Omaha Branch No. 23 in that society.

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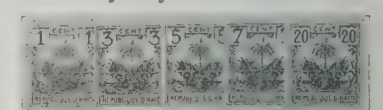
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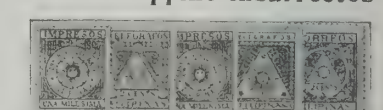


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By WM. L. STEVENSON.

The prospects seem pretty good that in the near future this WEEKLY will print a compilation of all my present information on this subject. In the meantime, here is a point of considerable interest, which can't wait.

I have recently had the opportunity to examine some fine grill-proofs. These give some unexpected light on the very first cylinder used and on some other points as well. I am somewhat ashamed to confess that the same evidence is present (in a much less prominent degree but present to be seen) in the issued stamps of this period. That it has been overlooked by all others is immaterial. I have been trying to go beyond previous study of this subject, and it should not have escaped me. I apologise.

In Mr. Luff's book, he tells us that the grilling cylinders were made by pressing against them while revolving, a small steel roller having its surface covered with pyramidal bosses. The impossibility of thus producing raised pyramidal units on the cylinder needs little remark, but has been previously discussed and the only apparent solution given. All of this was on the assumption that each cylinder had raised units on its surface to produce the units of embossing.

It seems hardly possible that Mr. Luff invented this statement but more probable that it is the result of information from some workman or other official who knew something about the manufacture of grilling cylinders. Therefore, this statement has been constantly at the back of my mind for better explanation. It needed it. Here it is.

Besides the special Z grill, I have listed in the 1867 period six families of grills corresponding closely to those noted in the catalogue but more definite. The first three, the A, the B, and the C grills, all show biscuit units of embossing and the points of these units are always at the face of the stamp as far as seen in issued specimens. All evidence to date indicates that these grills all come from one grilling cylinder in different stages, and there is considerable evidence that there was but one reduction from the entire (A) grill,

the other two existing at one time on the second condition of this cylinder after planing strips each way to form grilling rectangles.

All following grills, whether showing the pointed pyramids or the flat-topped pyramids for units, almost certainly come from directly cutting grooves each way on the cylinder, leaving the pyramidal units and then planing off each way strips to about the depth of the bases of these units, leaving rectangles of grill.

The proofs above mentioned give important light on the biscuit grills. Among them is one horizontal pair which shows on each stamp a clear C grill rectangle. The points of the units are up, and at about the level of the stamp face. Between the two rectangles are remains of a number of other units not fully removed in the planed strip between rows. The two rectangles are combined in a long rectangle across both stamps, and the embossing of this rectangle is opposite to that of the units, impressing a rectangle in the face of the pair, and showing the rectangle in relief on the back of the pair. Further examination of the other proof specimens of this C grill show that the grill rectangle is always thus embossed opposite to the direction of the embossing of the units of grill, the biscuits. The issued stamps always show the same thing in the C grill, but less strongly. The rectangle of grill always shows above the surface at the back while the biscuit points always stop on the level of the face of the stamps. This can mean but one thing. The method of production of this first cylinder was exactly as described for the general case by Mr. Luff. It was produced by pressing pyramidal units into it, producing a female cylinder covered with pyramidal pit, not with pyramidal bosses. In the entire grill from this cylinder the paper was forced into these pits by the pressure of the beds, straining and bursting the paper into the biscuits. The actually embossed part from the cylinder itself was the set of crossed ridges which show on the other side of the stamps. The biscuits never could get greater elevation than was permitted by the depth

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of the pits and by the malleability of the bed.

In the rectangular grills of the C family, produced by removing strips each way on this female cylinder to about the depth of the bottoms of the pits, the cylinder naturally showed a set of rectangular bosses the sizes of the grilling rectangles. These were impressed into the sheet and show the ridges on the backs as well as embossing the whole rectangle into the face side of the sheet. The biscuits still are unable to get above the level fixed by the depths of the pits and stop near the face level of the sheets. Where, as shown in the pair mentioned, the planing was not uniform in depth between rows of rectangles, remains of pits of slight depth were left and these make biscuits, imperfect and of slight relief, to be embossed above the face of the paper as shown.

No other solution can be given to all the facts now reported.

In the issued stamps, there was pressure following the embossing, whether applied intentionally or not as regards the grills, possibly only during printing and during straightening of the sheets for storage. It had no effect on the height of the biscuits. It did affect the height of the opposite embossing of the grid of crossed ridges showing on the backs.

This gives us other clues. Someone may now be able to pick out the experiments mentioned by Mr. Luff as coming from very early use of a bed of pasteboard instead of a malleable bed of lead or similar material. With such a non-malleable bed, the lines of the ridges facing the bed would be strongly pressed into the paper, so much so as almost to cut the paper along those lines. The biscuits could not thus be pressed up into the pits as well as with the softer bed and they must show rather smooth and flat tops, probably not up to the normal level of the paper. This latter difference in level would, naturally, not show in an entire grill but would show if later used for the partial rectangular grills. The difference in effect can hardly be looked for in the issued stamps but may possibly be found in samples or experiments or grill proofs.

It seems that light may also be thrown on such grill samples as are occasionally seen which show biscuits embossed way above the face of the stamp, and with no embossing of the ridges at the backs. It is physically impossible that these can come from this first Female cylinder. This applies especially to some imperforates seen, shown as Scott's No. 83a. They are not imperforates from this cylinder and probably not of this period, certainly not of any issued stamps so far seen.

Some time ago, I noted that I thought it probable that the B grill, catalogue size 18 x 15, with the longer dimension of the rectangle horizontal, came from the same cylinder as the following C grills showing also the same biscuit units. I am more than ever convinced that this is correct.

(Variations from this odd size have been seen in the issued stamps where there was a C rectangle of grill with additional biscuits of slighter embossing at one side extending the rectangle, exactly as shown in the pair mentioned.) I do not think this is where the B grills come from. I think they are identical in primary cause with the so called marginal grills. It is probable that the circumference of the cylinder did not divide evenly into an exact number of rectangles and intervals and that there was, after planing off the cylinder one way, a strip, of pits or of bosses, as the case may be, running the length

of the cylinder, not around it. In the earlier cylinders, notably on the first female cylinder, this wider strip was cut through by the planing around the cylinder, leaving exactly the rectangles of the B grill in conjunction with the normal rows of the C grill rectangles of the size they wanted. Occasionally, through error, the sheets were started at a slightly wrong point in its revolution and the B grills fell on stamps. This is a much easier error to make than to start the sheet off to one side to take a marginal strip left running around the cylinder. In the marginal grills from strips of raised units, this strip was not cut through in planing around the cylinder but left as a strip, simply, as above, because the circumference of the cylinder did not divide evenly into an exact number of rectangles and this circumference was greater than that dimension of the sheets used. Planing this useless strip into rectangles was useless work and was not done. This fits in with every bit of previous evidence showing these strips, in every case, not as strips around the ends of the cylinders, but as strips lengthways the cylinder. Furthermore, covering a greater length of cylinder than was needed for the width of the sheets and leaving uncut strips at the ends in hardly an economical procedure and need not be expected from these companies. They were not in business for their healths, as is constantly shown by their work. Sure. There may have been cylinders showing just such end strips without divisions. There is no evidence so far shown to indicate it. Until we get at least a clue to some such end strip we can well forget it.

It may not be amiss to say that it would be much more easy to plane off those strips around the cylinder to an even depth than to get the even depth the other way with a curve at either side the tool.

No. There is absolutely no possibility that biscuit units of grill, whether male or female could by any possibility produce the small square impression that Mr. Luff tells us comes from use of the pasteboard bed. It can't be done.

In all the grill families, there are a sufficient number of clearly marked impressions to show exactly the shapes of the units producing them.

There is not one particle of evidence in the 1870 grills that several sheets were grilled at one time. It is a physical impossibility for any of the units there shown to have gone through a first sheet without leaving a hole (and no one has yet seen such holes) and make the impressions shown from any other units on a second sheet. In any case, the impression in such a second sheet (not to mention five sheets or more) could come only from the embossing on the previous sheets. Match up your 1870 grills and see if any of them can come from the embossed points on the backs of any other stamp. Sure. After having some evidence in the nature of a real clue, speculation is not necessarily idle. In the absence of evidence and especially in the presence of evidence to the contrary which cannot be successfully dodged, any speculation is more than idle. Theories are absolutely worthless which dodge any known fact that is pertinent.

The Z grill is now also beyond doubt placed in this period, where, we can not yet say for certain. Several of the proofs mentioned show my Z grill nicely,—same thing exactly except not in any way pressed out.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

War Card—We have received from Dr. C. F. Roh, a German postal card, five pfennig green, Germania type, bearing the inscription at top across the center: "Deutsche Kriegskarte 1914." In the upper left corner is the red cross surrounded by text which explains that the card has been issued by favor of the Emperor for the benefit of the red cross. On the reverse is a speaking likeness, we should say, of King William, with his sentiments in fac-simile hand-writing: "I know no more parties, know only Germans. Wilhelm, I. R., Coblenz, 26/VIII, 1914." (Translated.)

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Censor Marks—We have been shown a variety of censored envelopes from New Zealand and the Australian states and also what is said to be one of Japan's marks of censorship—a rectangle enclosing Japanese characters impressed on the envelope. Suffice it to say that the collector who is interested in obtaining the censored envelopes in all their variations has a task before him, in which patience and opportunity enter in no inconsiderable degree.

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Enough—Hold, good friends, we are wholly convinced that the two cent proprietary stamp has been issued and that it is entitled to a place on the list of the treasury department even if the ½, 1 and 3 cent values are not. Mr. Ora E. Stark of Omaha has sent us a copy of the two cent on double-lined U. S. I. R. paper and our own Bill Bloss has had the self same stamp for about two months. A reading of the revenue law inclines one to the belief that the ½, 1, 2 and 3 cent denominations are not indispensable.

WAR ISSUES

Austria 7h and 12h charity \$.12
Bosnia 7h and 12h charity14
France 15c red cross, surcharged08
France 15c red cross, second issue06
My next auction sale includes among other fine things, the following rarities: St. Louis 5c, 10c on cover; 1851, 1c type III in used pair, 1869, 15c, mint without grill; mint 1c and 2c Pan-American inverts; mint State \$5, \$10, \$20 all dark green, evenly matched; wonderful mint Barbados blocks, Orange rarities.
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Not O. K.—The question of the O. B. surcharges on Philippines is brought to the fore by a competent authority who submits particulars which we pass on to readers even though some collectors are acquainted with the details. Since the catalogue has been defining the status of the surcharges in an explanatory note, there are comparatively few demands from readers for information on the subject of the O. B. overprints. Our correspondent says: "The various colors, inverts and doubles can be made in so many ways that there hardly can be an end to them, as they are put on with rubber stamps, pen and ink and type-writer, except those for the Bureau of Printing which prints theirs in black ink only." Speaking of an American stamp man who had been in the islands some years and who returned to this country some time ago, he says that the enterprising gentleman in question had thousands of envelopes and stamps overprinted in two lots. "They were printed in various colored inks in pairs and blocks made up on paper size of a single sheet. None of them was in whole sheets as in the way the Bureau always handles the stamps, but were printed to show inverts, with upright ones in pairs, or blocks with bits of paper placed over one stamp to show one on the block normal, making a great many varieties. . . . These stamps are not sold at the post office with the letters, O. B. (Official Business), but they are put on the stamps in different ways by the Bureaus which use them as a precaution against their use for anything other than a legitimate purpose."

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Rich Haul—One of our Chicago readers, Mr. E. R. Jacobs, recently made a trip east which proved to be pleasant and profitable as the recital of the following circumstances will prove. On his travels he uncovered an original envelope bearing one ninety cent, one thirty cent, one ten cent and two one cent of the 1857-60 issue United States, which had been sent from Boston to Cape Colony, Africa. It is needless to say that Mr. Jacobs was not backward in appropriating this envelope with its wealth of stamps. We do not remember ever having seen a combination of this kind on the cover, but if we are not mistaken, we saw, on rare occasions in the past, a cover with the ninety cent, 1857-60 (or was it the ninety cent 1861?) on a blue envelope bearing the printed address of a missionary station or headquarters in Africa. Perhaps, others will recall this envelope, of which a number may have been used, in view of the printed address.

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On Covers—Speaking of covers, one hears not a few tales of the remarkable rarity of this or that stamp, easily obtainable off the envelope, when on the original cover. For instance, we have heard that there are collectors who would give a king's ransom for the ninety cent indubitably used on the envelope; and we have been told that Mr. John F. Seybold of Syracuse, New York, the pioneer collector of stamps on the

original cover, whose collection, in great part, was disposed of by auction after his death some years ago, expressed the opinion that the seventeen cents New Brunswick undeniably used on the cover was worth one hundred dollars. Of course, exceptional pieces of the kind described are not on the market and in consequence there is no way in which to speak of values with finality. It is only the experienced cover collector who could appraise the stamp which is not particularly scarce used when said stamp happens to be on the cover.

A SECOND CANADA PROVISIONAL.

Following closely upon the heels of the "War Tax" stamps chronicled last week Mrs. E. W. Oughtred sends us a sample of a second printing in a different type. The two words, "War Tax," are supplemented by the words, "Inland Revenue," printed in the same diagonal fashion in two lines across the face of the stamp. Several values of the current set have received the first surcharge and at the present writing we do not know the denominations that have received the second. We are greatly obliged to Mrs. Oughtred for favoring us with this early information.

TURN ABOUT.

To the Editor:—
You have published from time to time editorials concerning the collector (?) who solicits approvals from a dealer and defrauds him by making no returns. I cannot remember where you have ever said a word in behalf of the plain old collector who is bitten by the dealer.

As a plain collector myself, who has no market and no duplicates worth marketing, I am at the plain end of the approval and want list string.

One of my want lists went to a very prominent New York firm, with whom I had long and satisfactory dealings. This list covered some of the rarer U. S. pieces that I had been chasing for several months. I did not receive same and naturally concluded this firm also was out of the items. In due time I got a bill and a curt note and my reply to same received another note which overlooked all my excuses.

I was up the tree. To pay was to acknowledge to the firm that I got the stamps. To refuse was to get in bad with the four societies to which I belong, and also my philatelic friends in New York, Washington and Philadelphia.

I paid. The truth of the matter is that I did not get the stamps—not a single one of these spaces are filled as yet. The local post office moved and arbitrarily changed my box number, the firm overlooked my change of box and sent to my former box number and the letter was lost, evidenced by fact that one of the duns came to correct box number, the second to former box number.

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1904, 2c gray green, No. 75	.05	.03
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We have received a communication
from W. J. Barrows, Acting Third As-
sistant Postmaster General, in regard to
the selling of precancelled stamps which
disposes effectively of the statement
that stamp dealers are prohibited from
buying and selling them. We are very
glad to give publication to the following
communication from Mr. Barrows:—

"Receipt is acknowledged of your let-
ter of the ninth instant, inquiring
whether there are any restrictions on
dealers in buying and selling precanceled
postage stamps, and in reply I have to
say that, as you were informed on the
sixth instant, postmasters are prohibited
from selling such stamps to any person
not authorized by the Department to use
them, while the persons so authorized
are prohibited from selling the stamps
either before or after they have been
used. These restrictions against post-
masters and persons authorized to use
precanceled stamps necessarily operate
as a prohibition against dealers buying
them from such persons. Dealers cannot
in any way lawfully obtain pre-
canceled stamps which have not been
used. If dealers should lawfully come
into possession of used precanceled post-
age stamps, the question of their dis-
posing of them is one for their own de-
termination over which the Department
has no control."

RHODE ISLAND CELEBRATES.

By ROY S. BARKER.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the
Rhode Island Philatelic Society was
held at the Hotel Narragansett, Provi-
dence, Feb. 16, and thirty of the mem-
bers and guests present.

Frank L. Coes of Worcester gave a
talk on the Russian locals and showed
his fine collection of same, mounted in
eight large albums, and also exhibited a
nice lot of U. S. proofs and a few fine
old covers of early U. S. A pair of the
5c Providence, on cover, was also shown,
together with a used Mulready one penny
black.

The election resulted as follows:—
president, Robt. F. Chambers; vice-pres.,
Edgar McCrillis; sec., A. R. Perry;
treas., W. Irving Cox; auction com-
mittee, W. H. Congdon, Roy S. Barker
and J. B. McIntyre and exchange man-
ager, Jerome Fleischer.

Eight new applications for member-
ship were received.

There were present: Frank L. Coes,
Roy S. Barker, B. C. Bussey, Robt. F.
Chambers, A. W. Chaffin, De Lancy
Cocroft, M. Freeman Cocroft, W. H.
Congdon, W. Irving Cox
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tyre, Wyman Pendleton, A. R. Perry, C.
S. Reynolds, L. Earle Rowe, E. L. Wat-
son, Gen. Howard W. Walker, Howard
L. Wheeler, B. A. Webber and W. C.
Winsor.

The following telegram was received
from charter member, C. F. Rothfuchs,
now an honorary member, living in
Longbeach, Cal.:—

"No member of the Rhode Island
Philatelic Society regrets his inability to
be at its thirtieth annual banquet more
than I do. Kindest regards to all mem-
bers present and best wishes for the
society's future prosperity from one who
was present thirty years ago."

SONORA SURCHARGED "E. S."

This overprint has received consider-
able attention at the hands of stamp
collectors and the philatelic press, but
at this writing nothing definite is known
as to how or where it originated. There
is no question but that it is being freely
used in the mails and the postmasters
of certain Mexican towns are allowing
it to pass through the mails.

We have covers addressed to us by
stamp collecting friends showing that
these stamps are being used in the inter-
national mails. W. J. Stanton sends us
excerpts from correspondence to show
the legality of the issue, but they only
state that these overprints "are circu-
lated in the state of Sonora" and from
the American Consul at Nogales, So-
nora is submitted the statement, "As
regards the kind of stamps referred to, I
can say that they were at one time in use
here and so far as I know they are still
good stamps."

We must submit to Mr. Stanton that
the evidence laid before us is not at all
authoritative as showing any real need
of the stamp or the legality of its issue.
In fact, Mr. Stanton in his letter to the
editor writes regarding this issue:—
"They are being used in Sonora but
none are on sale at the postoffices." If
they are not on sale at the postoffices of
Sonora it is very evident that their
standing as legitimate postal issues may
well be questioned. No evidence has
yet been sent in showing that they were
ever on sale at any postoffice.

CANADA TAX FAR-REACHING.

Very few Canadians will escape some
share of the war taxation that was out-
lined by Hon. W. T. White, Finance
Minister, in the House of Commons, Ot-
tawa, Feb. 11. The tariff changes and
the special taxes reach almost every-
body.

The tariff changes went into effect at
the time of the announcement. The
special tax on wine and champagne goes
into effect at once. The other special
taxes take effect at a date to be yet
fixed.

The stamp tax on letters means that
the old 3 cent postage rate is restored,
and a city letter costs 2 cents.

There is to be no income tax.

The following are some of the items
of taxation:—

One cent on telegraph and cable mes-
sages.

Ten cents for every five dollars on
railroad and steamboat tickets.

Ten cents on sleeping car and five
cents on parlor car tickets.

One to three dollars per passenger
from steamboat companies carrying to
ports other than in Canada, Newfound-
land, the United States of America and
British West Indies.

Two cents on all bank cheques, re-
ceipts, and bills of exchange, express
and post office orders.

One cent on postal notes.

One cent (war stamp) on each letter
and postcard.

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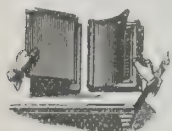
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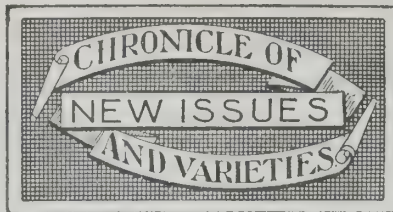
English papers state that unused Belgium stamps, parcel post type, are being sold by German dealers at a small fraction of face value. *Stamp Collecting* reprints the advertisement of a Biebrich dealer who advertises the entire set of seven values, 1fr to 10fr, for \$1.08. It is claimed that these stamps were obtained when the Belgian government was compelled to make a hurried evacuation of Antwerp for Havre.

W. F. Gregory submits a cover for our inspection which bears a pair of the German 10pf carmine with a fine Antwerp cancellation.

The 1915 issue of Ohlman's *Philatelic Advertiser* has been sent us for editorial review. It is a large list, its twenty pages being full of bargains. If you want a copy, write for it.

The Year Book of the United States Revenue Society for 1914 is the eighth annual publication and reflects credit upon the Society and secretary, Otto F. Moses, who prepared it. It is well printed by the Stowell Printing Co. and in addition to the journal of the session there is found a digest of the Massachusetts Stock Transfer Act with check list, also a check list of the stamps issued under the new Federal Stamp Act.

We have a couple of Jimmy O' stories by Edwin B. Hill that will be published in early numbers of the WEEKLY. We have every reason to believe that these stories have proven very interesting.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Paul Polm, Frank L. Applegate and others have called our attention to omissions in the list of the new proprietaries recently printed; several correspondents have seen the 2c on jars of chewing gum.—There must also be listed other values. Apparently the only value missing for which dies were prepared is the 1/2c. The corrected list to date is:

Proprietary—1/8c, 1/4c, 3/8c, 5/8c, 1c, 1 1/4c, 1 1/2c, 1 3/4c, 2, 2 1/2c, 3c, 3 1/2c, 4c, 4 1/2c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c and 20c.

DENMARK.—Arthur Russell reports having received a letter from Copenhagen, with two 10 ore Danish stamps, but cancelled—"N. Y. P. O. Hud: Term: Sta.—Feb. 9, 1915—Paquebot." in a wavy lined oval. This was evidently a ship letter. The combination of English and French on a Danish letter is unusual.

EPHROS.—Whitfield King & Co. has this to say regarding the stamp illustrated last week:

"We are including in our February new issue distribution, the stamps of 'Autonomous Ephros,' of oblong design, showing an eagle on a blue flag with white cross. Some journals have described this issue as bogus, which is entirely wrong. Our supplies were received from the Postmaster General of Greece, who informs us that they have been withdrawn from circulation, and the stock returned to Athens, and that they have been replaced by Macedonian (not Greek) stamps overprinted 'Northern Ephros' (in Greek); we are expecting daily a supply of these surcharged stamps, also those of Chimara, if they arrive in time they will be included in our February distribution. The 'eagle and flag' stamps referred to above have been printed and engraved by Messrs. Aspiotis Freres of Corfu, the printers of the Greek stamps, and are with the same zigzag rouletting."

HAYTI.—A. W. Dunning reports having seen Scott's Nos. 26, 38, 53, 57, 64, 65, 66, 109, 137, 140, 145, 147, and 149, with overprint like Scott's type I. Whitfield King & Co. have shown us Scott's No. 160 and 161 with the same overprint. The list as given in No. 1256 must be supplemented as follows:—

Stamps for Foreign Use.

Type I.
1c purple; Scott's No. 26.
1c light blue; No. 38.
2c orange; No. 53.
7c gray; No. 57.
1c yellow green; No. 64.
2c carmine lake; No. 65.
5c pale blue; No. 66.
2c on 50c claret; No. 109.
2c on 10c orange brown; No. 145.
1c on 5c dark blue; No. 147.
2c on 20c orange; No. 149.

Stamps for Interior Use.

Type I.
1c blue; No. 157.
7c green; No. 140.
2c lemon; No. 160.
1c carmine lake; No. 161.

HUNGARY.—C. G. Dietrich informs us that the Hungarian postal authorities are using the ordinary postage stamps for overprinting for Red Cross purposes. The 6f, Scott's No. 88, has been seen with the same overprint as the Flood stamps, previously noted. The overprint on the coupons of the Flood stamps is now printed on the stamp itself beginning at the left, reading up, across the top, and down on the right. The additional charge is 2 fillers, as in the case of the overprinted Flood stamps.

MALTA.—Hugo Griegert & Co. have shown us the 2d King George stamp for Malta.

Adhesive.

2d gray.

ROUMANIA.—C. G. Dietrich reports a series of Red Cross stamps from Roumania, Scott's Nos. 219, 220, and 214 having been overprinted "Timbre—Deajutor" in two lines.

SAMOA.—Hugo Griegert & Co. have shown us the 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 6d and 1sh New Zealand stamps, overprinted "Samoa," as noted in No. 1252.

SWITZERLAND.—February 6 we made reference to the fact that a Paris paper had printed an illustration of a Swiss stamp overprinted "Schweiz." A correspondent, K. Baumann, feels that the insertion of this item is poor news and we take the liberty of quoting the following from Mr. Baumann's letter:—

"The two stamps will be exceedingly rare. In fact they will be the only ones in existence. According to authentic German reports they were manufactured by that unscrupulous Paris newspaper to make the Swiss and other nations believe that Germany is ready to occupy Switzerland. What reasons you had to take notice of this fake news I do not understand."

In justice to ourselves we must say that our only concern is to publish stamp news and we have no desire to print other than what is perfectly reliable.

Whitfield King & Co. have also shown us the new provisionals listed last week. *Champion's Bulletin* also adds another provisional to the list.

We illustrate herewith the Swiss provisional that we chronicled last week.



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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 7.30 P.M.

BOSTON, Feb. 16, 1915.

In observance of the "Annual Jollification" of the Society, 30 members and friends sat down together at an informal dinner in the new home of the Boston City Club this evening. They then adjourned to the Society's room in the Tremont Bldg., where the 330th (regular) meeting was called to order with the President, Mr. E. M. Carpenter, presiding. The attendance of the meeting had increased to forty-five members and friends. The annual reports of the officers for the year 1914 were read and the following candidates were admitted to membership: Mr. Clark W. Tuttle, No. 601 and Dr. Richard F. O'Neil, No. 602. Five new applications were read and posted. Mr. M. H. Lombard, one of the early presidents of the Society, spoke briefly in regard to the Society, past and present. The meeting having been given over to the Entertainment Committee, the members had the pleasure of seeing a fine collection of U. S. stamps exhibited by Mr. Ralph N. Hall, of a splendid lot of St. Vincent and Cape of Good Hope stamps shown by Mr. A. C. Needham and also of listening to a short talk upon, and examining a wonderful "plated" collection of "Penny Blacks," Great Britain, which Mr. Edward H. Williams brought to the meeting.

The Society was very fortunate in having such a wealth of material to feast themselves with and a rising vote of thanks in response to a call for such from the President was heartily given. The regular meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. with a large number of those attending still examining the exhibitions.

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Don't forget that there is an informal meeting on the first Tuesday of each month.

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OUR EDITORIAL POLICY.

We are engaged in building a great philatelic newspaper and feel quite sure that we are succeeding. At the same time, we are making distinct additions to philatelic literature as witness Goodwin's "United States," Poole's "German States," Dalwigk's "Gambia," Poole's "Stamp Collector's Guide," etc. Some of our contemporaries are a bit slow in recognizing our efforts along the literary line and though we sent out review copies of Poole's "German States," we have seen only one mention of the book. The following is taken from *Stamp Collecting*:

This is No. 6 of the excellent handbooks published by the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co. of Boston. The volume under notice is deserving of all praise, and it is unfortunate that so good a work should appear just at the present time—a time when the sales in this country will undoubtedly be restricted.

Mr. Poole has produced an admirable work, which contains everything one wants to know without becoming too dry or specialist.

The thorough manner in which the work has been done can be best illustrated by stating that the work runs to 106 pages, two columns to the page.

Referring to the rare 3pf Saxony, the author tells us that "Mr. Castle secured, for a sum of about \$1500.00 an unsevered and unused sheet of 20 Saxony 3pf red. This is believed to be the only sheet known, and is the one formerly in the Friedl Museum of Vienna. Mr. Friedl got it from a castle in Saxony, where it was found pasted on a fire-screen and vanished over!"

All collectors interested in the stamps of the German States cannot afford to be without this valuable work.

We shall not trouble to send any further publications to those stamp papers that could not find time and space to review such an excellent book as the one under consideration.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

NOTICE.

Owing to poor health, I shall be obliged to delay replying to my correspondence from time to time, and while all matters will receive attention as soon as possible, I must ask the readers to be patient in case I fail to reply for a possible week or ten days. I am ordered by my physician to spend every available moment in the open air, and therefore, am liable to be a little slow in attending to some of the details connected with your various inquiries. However, I shall be glad to answer your questions to the best of my ability, and will be as prompt as I can.

BILL BLOSS.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. P.—The fact that the center of your 2c Internal Revenue is imperfectly "registered" does not affect its value, nor is this variety uncommon. In bi-colored stamps of this nature it is very hard to get each impression exact, and when it is considered that these stamps are printed very speedily, it is quite wonderful that errors are found as seldom as they are. It is only the inverted centers that command a premium. I believe the Treasury notice that appeared a week or two ago will correct your point about the new revenues. I have seen the values you mention, so know they have been issued. In fact, I have had a copy of the 2c proprietary for at least six weeks.

J. McK.—The 2c 1890 with cap on right two sells from \$1.50 to \$5.00 generally at auction. \$2.50 is a fair price. No, I don't know of any way to clean off a cancellation, and besides, if you cleaned a stamp, the government might ask you some embarrassing questions. You know, cancellations aren't put on to bother stamp collectors, but to prevent the re-use of the stamp. I am afraid your cancellation is on to stay. However, the cap on right two is a very scarce stamp, and the cap on both twos is worth a nickel and runs about one in every two hundred, so you can see that your stamp is probably a cap on both twos. Also, while the cap on left and cap on both twos are quite distinct and appear to be as square blocks added to the top of the numeral, all the right caps I have ever seen are merely little chips, and are not as large as the caps on the other varieties.

DYSART AND TRAER, IOWA, READERS ATTENTION!

Mr. A. J. Seebach, of Dysart, Iowa, is desirous of becoming acquainted with collectors at these points, with a view of increasing philatelic activity thereabouts. Collectors may find it to their advantage to communicate with Mr. Seebach.

OUR "HANDSOME MAN" CONTEST.

The Hon. Editor has expressed his approval of this contest, and in fact, has agreed to donate a prize or two, for the lucky ones. For the benefit of those who think such a contest a "walk-over," let me state that, to the present time, our Hon. Editor, Mr. Severn, has never been honored by having his portrait appear on a stamp, either. Therefore, do not spend much time hunting for it. Of course, such a stamp would easily win first honors in the contest.

Anyway, we want to receive your ideas on the stamp bearing the handsomest man's portrait. Limit your composition to one hundred and fifty words, and keep as much below that limit as possible. Be explicit in your descriptions, but use Scott's 1915 catalogue number if you want to. Don't merely state that you think King Edward the handsomest man. Tell us on what stamp you think he appears best, and why you think so.

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All entries must be received before Tuesday evening, March 16th, and should be addressed to Bill Bloss, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill., with the word "Contest" in the lower left corner of the envelope.

Please write on one side only of the paper, and use ink. We have not the powers of the Delphic oracle, so if you don't write legibly, don't expect us to read your words.

Results will be published in the WEEKLY for March 27th, and we reserve the right to publish any entries received. This contest is open to everybody, young or old, man, woman or child, subscriber or not, and I wish I'd hear from so many of you that I'd have to hire a secretary to help me out.

Any stamp listed in the Scott catalogue may be used, whether pictured therein or not, and may be postage, due, official, revenue, special delivery, or any class whatever.

Now then, get busy, all you amateur writers and see which of you can give the best reasons for your choice.

Speaking of contests, reminds me of some of the various contests held at the meetings of the local societies here in Chicago. This form of amusement has proven very popular and quite instructive, and often there is keen rivalry. Other societies, especially those of the younger collectors, would do well to consider holding contests at intervals, to further the interest in the hobby, as well as to instruct the members.

How many of you know which was the first European stamp to be issued? The first watermarked stamp? What American country issued the first stamp bearing a picture of an animal? Or who is pictured on the official stamps of Brazil—without referring to your catalogues? Many of you don't even know what country issued the first adhesive stamp.

For the benefit of the readers who would care for a little contest, I offer the following ten questions. No prizes will be given, nor is it necessary to send me your answers. The correct solution will appear next week. Don't answer these by looking them up in the catalogue. Write your answers on a slip of paper, then keep it until next week and see if you are correct. Here they are:

1. What South American country issued a stamp bearing a portrait of Washington, and when was it issued?
2. What country uses a watermark of turtles on its stamps?
3. What is the first stamp picturing a bear?
4. What stamp pictures the battle of Shipka Pass?
5. What set of stamps is watermarked Pineapple?
6. What series of stamps bears a Latin prayer on the reverse?
7. What stamp pictures a winged horse?
8. What year was the first U. S. 1c stamp with picture of Washington issued?
9. What series of stamps bears the inscription "Avisporto"?
10. What country was the first to issue Special Delivery stamps? The above refer to postage, official, revenue, or any class of stamp listed in the Scott catalogue. All are listed. Answers will be published next week, so make a guess and see if you know your stamps.

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—A very handsome price list has just been issued by "Aldrich," St. Joseph, Mo. It is very comprehensive, covering a very fine stock of stamps, the book running to no fewer than sixty pages. The firm is to be congratulated upon this bit of advertising.

—Frank L. Applegate, a specialist in state revenues and United States revenues, informs us that he has never seen the \$10 consular fee stamp. Has any subscriber a copy and what is the market value of this stamp?

—According to a Swiss paper, the new overprints for that country have been issued in the millions. Of the 1 on 2c, two and a half millions were overprinted and of the 13 on 12c there were issued 1,300,000.

—C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio, states that the S. P. A., counting applications pending, has nine hundred members in good standing and that one thousand is in sight for the climax to the convention to be held in Reading, Pa., in August. Already many have promised to attend this convention and it is an assured success. A fine new Year Book, good Sales and Exchange Departments and a live set of officers make the S. P. A. an attractive society for membership.

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—"The Galveston Philatelic Society had their monthly meeting at a popular resort outside of City limits last night with a good attendance of members joined for the circumstance by several ladies only indirectly interested to the hobby. Our little local Society, first started as a branch of one of the National Societies, has become a Society by itself, and from a modest beginning with half a dozen members has grown to a membership of over twenty, we have regular meetings each month where we discuss philatelic matters and, of course, trade some stamps between members, examine collections and circuits and generally have a good time."—G. C. CUENOD.

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By S. B. HOPKINS.

There have been two regular issues of revenue stamps and two of postage stamps by the Constitutionalist Government of Mexico, in addition to the provisional issues made by surcharging the old Federal stamps.

The first issue of revenue stamps was the "Ejercito" set, so called from the inscription "Ejercito Constitucionalista," which means "Constitutionalist Army." The second issue of revenue stamps is the current set, resembling the current "Denver" postage stamps, except that it has the word "Mexico" at top instead of "Correos," the latter meaning "postage."

Both issues of revenue stamps were manufactured with "talon," or separable coupon, at the bottom, and when used for fiscal purposes, were always overprinted with the name of the fiscal district; but the lower values of both sets have been used provisionally as postage stamps, being sold for this purpose without the district overprint and usually without the talon.

The first or "Ejercito" set was used for postage before the first postage stamps made their appearance, the denominations so used being 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 centavos. They were sold at the postoffices and used for postage in all the territory controlled at that time by the Constitutionalist forces, including the state of Tamaulipas in the east and the state of Sonora in the west.

Then came the first regular issue of postage stamps, known as the "Transitorio" set from the use of that word in the inscription on the stamps. The use of the word "transitorio" would indicate that this was not intended as a permanent issue, but even so, there would probably have been additional printings made, as the Constitutionalist rapidly extended their territory, had it not been for the appearance of the perforated 5c in a similar design, which the authorities regarded as a counterfeit.

Thus it came about that the supply of "Transitorio" stamps began to run short, and none were available for the newly acquired territory in the state of Coahuila and elsewhere, before the new issue was ready. The second issue revenues had been distributed, however, and were made use of as postage stamps in this new territory, just as the "Ejer-

cito" stamps had been before in the other states.

Just the extent of the territory in which these second issue revenues were thus sold as postage stamps, we do not know, but we have covers with them on that were mailed from various parts of Coahuila, and the postmaster at Saltillo (Coahuila) told us that he had them on sale at his office during May, June and part of July, 1914, in all denominations from 1 to 50 centavos. They still come through the mails occasionally and are generally recognized as available for postage.

Their sale was terminated in July by the appearance of the second or so-called "Denver" issue of postage stamps, which since that time has been in general use throughout Constitutionalist Mexico, now comprising the whole republic.

The regular Federal (1910) issue, found in the captured post offices, was made use of by the Constitutionalist, principally for foreign correspondence, both surcharged and unsurcharged. The Constitutionalist stamps were not recognized by the Universal Postal Union until November, 1914, so prior to that time it was practically necessary to use the Federal stamps on foreign mail and the postal rates were fixed accordingly, the regular rate being charged in Constitutionalist stamps and an additional franking of the same amount in Federal stamps to satisfy the Postal Union. For example, the rate to the U. S. was 5 centavos, but this was raised by the Constitutionalist to 10 centavos, half of which could be paid in Constitutionalist stamps, but half must be paid in Federal stamps (after they began to surcharge the Federal stamps, the entire 10 centavos could be paid in the surcharged stamps if preferred).

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Another reason was that there were supposed to have been some of these stamps carried to the U. S. by fleeing Federal postmasters and the introduction of these, or stamps from Federal territory, into the Constitutionalist mails would result in financial loss to the Constitutionalist.

Hence the surcharges. At first these were made by the officials of the different districts, and consequently there were several different kinds. The best known is the "GCM" (monogram) surcharge, issued in Sonora, the letters standing for "Gobierno Constitucionalista—Mexico" or Constitutionalist Government of Mexico. This appeared in April, 1914, and included the values of the 1910 issue from 1 centavo to 1 peso, also the 5c stamped envelope.

In May, 1914, after the taking of Monterey by the Constitutionalist and the reorganization of the Monterey postal district, the Monterey district officials put in use the surcharge "Gobierno Constitucionalista" in two lines of small capitals, and this was distributed and sold in most of the offices in the states of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas. The 1 peso of the 1899 issue and all values of the 1910 issue, from 1 centavo to 5 pesos, were so surcharged, as well as the stamped envelopes, postcards, letter cards and wrappers.

The 1908 "postage due" stamps were also overprinted and used as postage stamps, none of the officials apparently having any knowledge of their use in any other manner.

At the same time, the few remaining "Transitorio" stamps were surcharged with this same overprint, apparently as a protection against "irregularities" (this is the word used in the official order), although as nearly as we can determine, the only "irregularity" known by the officials in connection with this issue is the perforated 5c.

There were two different stamps used for this surcharge. In one of them the first "T" in "Constitucionalista" was omitted, the other was spelled correctly. They seem to be both of the same style and size of letters. In specimens where the surcharge is indistinct, they can be distinguished by the position of the second "T," which is under the "B" of "Gobierno" in the correct spelling and under the "O" of "Gobierno" in the error.

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varies considerably, through the different shades of purple rubber stamp ink, ranging from some that is almost blue to a magenta that is almost red. Sometimes it would seem as if black canceling ink were put on the pads, making the overprint blue-black or a dirty black.

It is to be sincerely hoped that in this and all other similar surcharges, the cataloguers will ignore all color varieties, also inverted surcharges and other varieties of position, double surcharges, etc., as the very nature of the work makes such a vast number of varieties possible that the consideration of them all may easily become not only tiresome but ridiculous.

The stock of this "Monterrey" surcharge was small, the only stamps available being those left behind by the fleeing Federals, so that by September, 1914, there were very few to be found in any of the offices and by October they were being replaced by the "printed surcharges" from Mexico City.

After the Constitutionalist entered Mexico City, thus assuming the government of the entire Republic, they surcharged the Federal stamps thereby made available, by printing the words "Gobierno Constitucionalista" in two vertical lines with a dollar sign (\$) between them, all in black.

The 5c of this set was first received and placed on sale in Monterey about the first of October. As the need for these stamps was for foreign mail, and that is nearly all letters, there was little use for anything but the 5c, and they seem to have been issued accordingly; for, while there was a good stock of the 5c, there were much fewer of the 1c and very few indeed of the other values.

There were at least two settings of this surcharge; in one, the word "Constitucionalista" begins with a "G" on stamps 32, 50, 82 and 100 in the sheet, and in the other, the same error occurs on every stamp in the right hand vertical row (stamps 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 and 100).

The surcharge on the envelopes and postcards was not placed on the stamp, but off to the left, consisting of the words "Gobierno Constitucionalista" in one line nearly 3 inches long, printed in red, with an italic figure 8 (recumbent) between the words.

The order of the U. P. U. of Nov. 7, 1914 (on file with all U. S. postmasters), recognizing all stamps bearing the words "Gobierno Constitucionalista," terminated the need for the use of the old Federal stamps, but it is probable that all stocks on hand (now consisting principally of "printed surcharges") will be used up.

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in the Republic, to send in to the general headquarters any Federal stamps that might remain on hand, as they wanted to overprint them with the new printed surcharge; at the same time providing that after November 15th, no stamps would be good for postage in Mexico that did not bear the words "Gobierno Constitucionalista," either as a part of the design (like the second issue revenues and the "Denver" postage stamps) or overprinted (like the "Monterrey" issue and the new printed surcharges). This order not only made impossible any new district surcharges on the Federal stamps, but also any further "printings" of the surcharges already issued.

These notes are intended to cover but a small part of recent Mexican stamp history, that with which we are particularly familiar. There are many items of interest that are necessarily left to the future and many things that are of interest only to the specialist.

One thing that should be borne in mind in connection with the issues referred to in these notes, is that, while some of them were prepared by district officials and sold only in the post offices attached to those districts, all were good for postage in all territory controlled by the Constitutional Government and hence are legitimately referred to as issues of that government. Moreover, any of the stamps referred to in these notes, with the exception of the "Ejército" revenues and the unsurcharged "Transitorio" issue, will now pay postage to any country in the Universal Postal Union.

CANADA WAR TAX STAMPS.

G. Hemond in renewing his subscription for the coming year gives us the following particulars in regard to the war tax stamps. These varieties have been issued:

"War Tax" type,—5c blue and 20c olive surcharged in black and 50c brown in red.

"Inland Revenue War Tax" type,—5c blue surcharged in black and 50c brown in red.

There is no doubt but that the 20c will also be found in the second type.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Egypt.—By Fred J. Melville, published by Stanley Gibbons, London, England. Price 12c. The closing paragraph in the description of Egypt's adhesive stamps strengthens the interest that has been taken in the stamps of this country. It states the fact that Dec. 17, 1914, Egypt was "proclaimed a British Protectorate." The then Khedive was deposed when Egypt formed an alliance with Turkey and Hussein I was made England's representative in the government of Egypt. Mr. Melville suggests that while there may be no change in the stamp designs, there may be a modification of the watermark. The book is a very timely one and is uniform with the rest of the series.

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—The Boston Philatelic Society has some very pleasant evenings in prospect. At the next meeting held at their rooms (322 Tremont Building), Tuesday evening, March 16, A. E. Owen, vice president of the recent International Exhibition, will exhibit his superb collection of United States plate numbers and will give a short talk on this subject.

Philip Talbott, a specialist in United States and precancellations, died suddenly last week at his home in Oklahoma City. He leaves a wife and one child.

—F. J. Rider submits a specimen of the 2c proprietary for "anyone who doubts its being issued." As several score of subscribers may send for this stamp we suggest that each request be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

—A 2c postal rate has been established between the United States and British Honduras.

—The postmaster at Guam receives \$125 per year for his services. E. P. Smith has just left Washington on a 25,000 mile journey to this faraway possession to comply with the requirements of the P. O. Dept.

—S. E. Colman sends us a strong testimonial as to the good qualities of the WEEKLY from an advertising standpoint. He has been using six lines weekly for the past six months and feels well pleased with the business he has developed.

—Paul W. Riedell would like to know the address of George A. Tyler, formerly of 33 Ward St., Hartford, Conn.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder, Hugo Kuenstler (7), Henry B. Phillips, I. B. Robinson.

—To accommodate auction buyers who could not get word to England in time we shall mail upon post card request a Harmer-Rooke, March 26, catalog as per advertisement elsewhere in this issue. Ordinarily we could not attempt to do this for if we do it for one dealer we should be expected to do it for others.

—A. O. Durland, who has taken occasional space in the WEEKLY and has an advertisement this week, writes us that he has been an invalid for twelve years as the result of an injury. We bespeak for Mr. Durland a full measure of our subscribers' patronage.

—There was an obvious error in the advt. of H. F. Colman last week and the week before. The heading "Panama-Pacific" should have read "Pan-American", and we now make the correction.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Rate Reduction—A reduction of the rate of letter postage between the United States and British Honduras, and reciprocally, has been announced by the second assistant postmaster general, effective March 1st, 1915. British Honduras now takes its stand with the Bahamas and Newfoundland, as enjoying the boon, as we shall, of our domestic rate for letters, interchangeably. Practical progress of this kind not alone is a present benefit but is significant of future possibilities of rate reductions mutually between the United States and other British colonies.

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Censors' Marks—Censored letters are being shown us by readers and as we have said before, there is a great variety of impressions of the kind. In answer to a number of inquiries for an opinion as to the value of these markings, present and future, we can do no more than to refer those who are interested to the statement editorially on the subject in the issue of February 13th. We notice that Vienna is using the inscription: "Ueberprueft (Examined), Wien 1," with design of imperial eagle, all enclosed in a rectangle.

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Date Worth Knowing—In "Fifty Dates You Should Remember," by Albert Payson Terhune, a syndicated series of articles appearing in the newspaper

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press of the country, No. 29, is given the sub-head: "May 6, 1840; Postage Stamps First Used." The article starts out very breezily: "All England on May 6, 1840, set to work writing letters." There are the expected references to Rowland Hill's "new-fangled notion of pasting stamped labels on letters" but no mention is made of the appearance of the Mulready envelopes and covers on the same date as the penny black, May 6th, 1840. A factor of importance in the issue of the Mulready "form envelopes" is that the envelope practically was "invented" with the Mulready, as the envelopes, one and two pence, were to be obtained from licensed stamp vendors, cut and folded at a small advance over cost.

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At Sea—In one particular, the writer of the article discussed in the preceding paragraph shows a bit of acumen that we commend; it is that postage stamps seem to have been in use for one or more centuries in the minds of the layman. We can attest to the truth of this observation and we know that others who have had stamps continuously in mind for years can tell of experiences to illustrate the ignorance of the public on the date of the origination of postage stamps. At a dinner given by a club of Chicago business men, an eloquent speaker graphically portrayed the merchant of one hundred years ago, as one who was "not above sticking the stamps on his letters." Of course, the sole philatelist who was present should have arisen in his majesty and interrupted the speaker at this point with: "Hold, in the name of philately. Stamps first came into use," etc.—but he did not. In a colonial story of ante-revolutionary period, the observation was made to the effect that postage stamps were not so easily available then. Certainly, an ultra-conservative statement.

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Societies—We understand that preparations are being made to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland in a fitting way. The meeting that commemorated the twentieth anniversary of the Garfield-Perry Club is remembered as one of the greatest philatelic festivals on the calendar of the past. Speaking of societies, we notice that the program of the recently organized Los Angeles and Southern California Branch, No. 35, American Philatelic Society, is very attractive in its features and elsewhere, we publish it as a model working plan for progressive philatelic societies.

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Perf. 10—A contemporary reports the issue of the one dollar current type,

perforated 10, on single line water-marked paper; and we have seen a block of four of the dollar stamp, perforated 10 on the old double line paper. A number of inquiries have come from readers asking for confirmation of the appearance of the ten cent Pacific-Panama, perf. 10, a stamp that we listed tentatively, on the statement of a collector that he had all the values of the set with the large perforation. We have not seen the stamp in question and have been informed from Washington that it has not been distributed.

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Canada's Stamp Taxes—We have been in receipt of clippings telling of the revenue stamp issues of our northern neighbor; and we should not be surprised if the latest stamps were to attract attention to the fine old revenue issues of Canada with the result that a decided momentum would be given to fiscal stamp collecting in the confines of our next door nation.

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In the Movies—In "Uncle Sam at Work," Henry W. Savage's cinematograph of nine reels, the functions of the government are shown so that the people may actually see how the vast business of each day is transacted. The pictures are based on Frederic J. Haskin's book, "America's Government," describing the operation of the manifold bureaus and branches that represent the essential machinery of government; and in the course of the unfolding of the reels, the process of stamp making is shown in an interesting way.

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Casting Pearls—In his column in the Chicago Tribune, B. L. T. said recently: "Our contributors are careless of postage expense. Four-cent stamps are common when a two would carry the letter, and one light wheeze that arrived yesterday bore a 7-cent stamp." How unresponsive some folks are. In such thankless words are the good intentions dismissed of some good soul who thought to favor B. L. T. as a possible stamp collector. Too, we wager that the seven was well-centered.

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Mutual Favor—The advocacy of the use of unusual values in the correspondence between collectors by Mr. A. W. Dunning in a recent issue has evoked commendatory comment by readers. Of course, the idea is not a new one and no merit of originality is claimed for it as it suggested itself many years ago to collectors who have assiduously followed it. One of the first collectors to vary the usual order of stamp arrangement in his letters to brother collectors was Mr. J. N. T. Levick who died some

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The most important post office in the world in the eyes of stamp collectors is the one described in this article. It is a syndicated article from the metropolitan press.

HAVRE, FRANCE, Feb. 22.—Squeezed into a little suburb, known as Nice-Havrais, is the Belgian government. In the house once occupied by a rich German shipper, the Belgian war department carries on its busy affairs. In another mansion, deserted by a German, the foreign office holds sway, and on the second floor of a long line of store buildings most of the other departments have their temporary offices.

France has turned over this little spot to Belgium. Nice-Havrais is not French soil, but Belgian, and it will remain so, by the promise of France, until the king of Belgium rides again into Brussels.

It is the Belgian postoffice that is the most interesting spot in this little Belgium. The French postmaster moved out, bag and baggage, when the Belgians came, and the Belgian department of posts and telegraphs took it over. The telegraph business amounts to a little, but in the matter of posts this little office probably holds all world's records, for its size. It is a paradise for postage stamp collectors. They besiege the place, from the opening to the closing hour. They come from all parts of the countries of the allies. Some of them live at a nearby hotel, and day after day they repair to the little postoffice and buy stamps of all denominations, which they affix to postal cards and thrust into letter slots.

It strikes an onlooker—especially one who is not a victim of the postage stamp craze—as a gruesome business, this matter of making the Belgian ill wind blow well for themselves, but this is a thought that appears to have struck neither the postage stamp collectors themselves nor the pretty Belgian girl and the good-looking young Belgian fellow, with the brown mustache, who presides at the stamp window. They have batches of

stamps, including one of every denomination—ready for any person who comes up and says, "Give me all of them."

Madame Romaine, who keeps the cafe at the corner nearby, is making a small fortune in picture postal cards. It is to her that the stamp collectors go for cards to stick their stamps on. The collectors say that stamps which are placed on letters are never so clearly and thoroughly canceled as are those which are filed to the hard surface of cards, and the canceling marks make all the difference in the value of a postage stamp, from the collector's viewpoint.

Three men work at canceling in the Belgian post office at Havre, and they seem to have caught the spirit of the stamp collectors, for they work painstakingly and seem to be careful, in spite of the mass of work they have, to be careful to put the canceling mark right over the center of the stamp.

"Twenty-five years from now," explained an English stamp collector, "these Belgian stamps, with the Havre postmark, will be worth a great deal. It's one of the few stamps that will tell the history of the great war. There's only one stamp that the war has made as valuable as this Havre stamp, and that is the Belgian, with a German cancellation on it. For a while after they entered Belgium, the Germans permitted the use of Belgian stamps, but now, I understand, only German stamps are used in that territory."

John Ball Osborne, the American consul at Havre, receives scores of requests weekly from mysterious persons in the United States who want him to write them a letter on a postal card, and it doesn't matter what he writes, they explain, so long as the missive carries a Belgian stamp. Mr. Osborne suspects such persons of being stamp collectors, and he is particularly suspicious of letters addressed to him in schoolboy handwriting.

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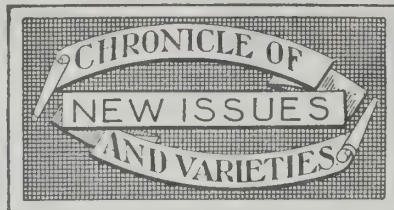


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AUSTRALIA.—According to a contemporary the official stamps of Australia are now perforated "A" instead of "OS."

BAVARIA.—*Postzegelnieuws* reports the issue of Red Cross cards, with portrait and signature of King Ludwig III.

EPHROS.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a new overprint for Northern Ephros the allegorical series of 1913, Scott's Nos. 720 et seq., being used. The overprint is in one line, and presumably means "Northern Ephros." Our informants have seen the 1 lepton, 2 lepta rose, 2 lepta red, 3, 5, 10 and 25 lepta with this overprint, but believe all the other values in the set have been thus overprinted. Only 25,000 of the 1 lepton were overprinted, and the whole lot was almost immediately bought up.

ERITREA.—The 5c and 10c announced some time since, have at last been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. The frame is like the 15c of 1910, the type of the ornaments being the only difference. The centre on both values shows a native ploughing in the fields, or as the inscription reads, "ARATURA A SENAFE." Possibly the Director General of Italian Posts was strictly correct when he stated that no 5c and 10c values of the 1910 type had been issued, but here they are.

Adhesives.

5c deep green.
10c red.

FRANCE.—According to *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*, a provisional stamp was issued by the Chamber of Commerce of Valenciennes for use during the German occupation. In appearance it recalls the Amiens stamp, being type set and printed in red on white and perforated 11. As the supply of regular stamps was exhausted, the issue of the provisionals became necessary in order to facilitate business. Full particulars regarding this issue and its use are not yet available, but for a time they were used in the city of Valenciennes and its Arrondissement. The inscriptions read "Chamber de Commerce de Valenciennes—Service—Postal—Intermaire—10ct.—1914."

Provisional Adhesive.

10c red.

GERMANY.—The *International Briefmarken Journal* states that the 5pf single and reply post cards are now appearing on thinner and rougher card, without watermark.

MEXICO.—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. has also shown us the new overprinted monogram printed in black. This has been seen on the values from 1c to 20c, which is still coming with larger monogram of the first type, printed in violet.

NICARAGUA.—H. Chitraro has shown us Scott's No. 385, Province of Zelaya, with both the "B—Dpto. Zelaya" and "5 cent." inverted.

PENRHYN ISLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 6d King Edward stamp of New Zealand surcharged for use in the Island, as previously announced.

Adhesive.

6d carmine rose and black.

ROUMANIA.—As noted last week several of the current stamps of Roumania have been overprinted "Timbru—de Ajutor" in two lines for use as charity stamps. Four values have been thus overprinted, 5b, 10b, 20b and 50b. These stamps are to be placed as an additional

tax on letters, telegrams, hotel, restaurant and cafe bills, theatre tickets, and railroad and sleeping car tickets. Their interest to philatelists comes from the fact that hereafter all letters must bear one of these stamps in addition to the regular postage. Continental Journals report that letters are already coming through from Roumania, with the overprinted 5b thus added. The funds thus secured are to be used for the relief of the families of the Roumanian soldiers. Does this mean that Roumania is all ready to take part in the war?

RUSSIA.—Leo M. Moulson notes that of the large Charity stamps chronicled in No. 1253, the 2k and 8k values are perforated 13 1/2 and the 4k and 11k, 11 1/2. Mr. Moulson is informed that the Romanoff set is gradually being retired, and stamps of the former types issued.

Stamp Collecting says: The current 5k stamp in the small Arms type of 1909 has appeared in a distinct new shade more closely resembling lake than the dull lilac in which it was previously printed. The designs of the new permanent postage stamps appear to have again undergone a change. The Russian Stamp Printing Works are busily engaged in preparing the long promised new series of regular postage stamps. These will present pictures of various ways of transporting mail throughout the Russian Empire, including Dog Transports of the Caucasus, Reindeer and Sledges of the North, Oxen Teams of the Steppes, and Steamship, Railroad and Aeroplane Mails.

On account of the war all stamps of old issues are still available for postage until further notice, regardless of the date set for the discontinuance of certain stamps (Dec. 18th, 1914).

SWITZERLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. have now shown us the other provisional mentioned last week. The stamp used for the overprinting in this case is the 12c brown on buff Tell stamp of 1914. In this case the old value is obliterated by three short lines, with the new value below.

Provisional Adhesive.

13c on 12c brown on buff.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—The first of the new series of postage due stamps announced in No. 1255 has been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. The design recalls the Transvaal postage due stamps of 1907, though an entirely new engraving has been made for the frame. The inscriptions read "Union of South Africa" at the top, "Unie van Zuid Afrika" at the bottom, "Postage Due" at the left, and "Te Betalen" at the right. Conventional foliated ornaments fill in above and below the figures of value, which are in black and of the same type as those used in the 1907 set. The 2d is the only value thus far issued, but the others are to follow shortly. The stamps are perforated 14.

Postage Due Adhesive.

2d violet and black.

WAR STAMP EXHIBITION IN MARCH.

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for your consideration any suggestions I may have to make upon society matters.

As we turn back the page of 1914, we find no large event of purely philatelic importance such as the International Exposition of 1913, but rather note a quiet and wholesome growth of interest in our chosen hobby. Of greatest significance perhaps is the fact that even under the stress of the unusual circumstances that have affected all activities, the world of stamps seems no more affected than the larger and more material businesses of the country, arguing, quite logically it seems to me, that our philatelic building rests upon an equally secure and lasting a foundation, and that the collecting of stamps is really something more than a passing fad.

At this time when almost our every thought centers upon the terrible cataclysm of blood that is drenching Europe—an unprecedented war which shakes the very foundation of our civilization,—now, when we recognize that its final settlement by reason of the world-wide interests involved, will, directly or indirectly, take some toll from each and every one of us or even seriously affect our material well being,—it is idle indeed and even childish to give undue weight to the effect the war will have upon us as philatelists, for our activities as collectors are confined to the realm of our enjoyments and, not essentially necessary to our real work of life, are comparatively unimportant. But for all that it is quite natural to consider these less important effects and to dream of the many changes in the postal issues of Europe that will so enhance the interest of philately. We shall have much in this line to demand our attention and fortunate indeed will be he who can keep pace with the new and provisional issues that are bound to ensue and are even now beginning to make their appearance.

But perhaps it is not these broader interests that we should discuss, but rather the more intimate questions touching our organization; and so we will turn to society matters.

There can be no question, it seems to me, but that our society is in a healthy condition, for while there are a few matters that should receive our attention, they are in nature conservative and creative rather than curative.

I refer particularly to the general recommendations that have been made in the past regarding economy and recruiting. While our financial condition demands no immediate radical enactment, still it is to be hoped that a conservative policy regarding expenditures will be continued, for though we are solvent, we have not sufficient revenue for unusual expense or for frills of any kind.

While our membership is of good proportion, there is no reason why a considerable increase cannot be accommodated. You all know the advantages a collector has in membership in the B. P. S., and you need not hesitate to urge your philatelic friends to join us. A committee can do much but only in a general way, while individual efforts in recruiting are personal and so more effective. Therefore I urge each of you personally to endeavor to obtain at least one new member during the coming year, for in so doing you would not only favor your friends but increase the scope of the society.

During the last year we have laid the foundation for a society collection. Many generous contributions have been made by members and the sale for the benefit of the collection was so well received and patronized that we already have a good nucleus around which to build. I ask each of you to look over our collection as now mounted—to note the spaces that you could fill from your accumulation of duplicates and to donate what you can.

At this time, not only for myself, but in behalf of the society, I would thank those members who as officers have given so unstintingly of their time and effort to further the interests of the society. Especially do I wish to acknowledge what the society owes to Mr.

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I shall look back upon my term as president of this society with feelings of deepest appreciation of the honor you have accorded me. Living as I do at a considerable distance from Boston and so not having had as responsive touch upon the society's pulse as I would have liked, I have not been able to do all that I would for its development and I realize that there is much that I have left unaccomplished. You all know this and so the more do I appreciate the kind consideration you have always shown me, both officially and personally.

Thanking you again for the distinction you have given me, I assure you that I shall be very ready to work with you in any capacity to further the interests of the B. P. S.

(Signed) THEODORE W. BARRY, Pres.
January 19, 1915.

NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The first fiscal year of this society started January 1, 1915, at which time seventeen members were enrolled and practically no recruiting had been done. The charter, recently closed, numbers twenty members.

At the first annual election, the following officers were elected: Pres., W. C. Ahlmann, Norfolk; Vice-Pres., W. F. Herron, Pender; Sec.-Treas., Reuben W. Ahlmann, Norfolk; Directors, F. S. Parmelee, R. C. Hoyt, Ora E. Stark, Omaha; Sales Manager, Reuben W. Ahlmann; Librarian, W. R. King, Hastings; Information Department, R. E. Jessup, Clay Center, and Auction Manager, Albert F. Haydar, Fairfield. The Exchange Department is in the hands of C. B. Palmer, Jr., Bradshaw, and a good department is assured. At the same election the *Philatelic West*, Superior, Neb., was chosen official organ.

All stamp collectors residing in the state of Nebraska are desired as members. Dues have been decided upon at 50c per year. At present no initiation fee is required. Application blanks and further information will be gladly furnished by the secretary, Reuben W. Ahlmann, Norfolk, Nebraska.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THAT "HANDSOME MAN" CONTEST.

There are still several thousand of you who have not as yet sent me your idea on the "handsomest man" pictured on a stamp, and your reasons for your choice. Why not get in on the prizes offered? This is a better way to get stamps than any other. If you haven't sent in your entry yet, get busy right away and tell me in as concise a manner as possible, your ideas on the subject of the contest. Remember, the winner will receive a nice prize for his efforts, the second and third best will be suitably rewarded, and all prize winners will be awarded a seat in the Gallery of the Immortals.

THAT OTHER CONTEST.

Did you guess them all? Get out your answer slips on the ten questions published last week, and check up on the answers. See if there are a few things you didn't know about stamps. If you haven't answered the questions, look them up in last week's paper, and answer them before you read the answers below.

All ready?

- 1.—The Brazil, 1909, Pan-American Jubilee stamp is the South American stamp bearing a portrait of Washington.
 - 2.—The Tonga 1897 series is watermarked with turtles.
 - 3.—The Saint Louis post-master provisional series of 1845 are the first stamps to picture a bear.
 - 4.—The Bulgaria 1902 series pictures the battle of Shipka Pass.
 - 5.—The first series of Jamaica (1860-63) is watermarked a Pineapple.
 - 6.—The 1895 St. Anthony of Padua series of Portugal bears a prayer in Latin on the reverse. Look for it.
 - 7.—The Special Delivery stamp of Spain, 1905, pictures a winged horse.
 - 8.—The First Issue (1862-71) revenue stamps are the first 1c U. S. stamps picturing Washington. The 1c 1912 is the first postage stamp picturing Washington. Guess that one fooled you, yes?
 - 9.—The Denmark Newspaper stamps of 1907 are inscribed "Avisporto."
 - 10.—The first Special Delivery stamp was issued by the United States in 1885.
- How do you like these contests? Let me hear from you.

TEN MORE QUESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK.

Answer these questions now. Keep your answers and check up on them next week. Answers will be published in this space.

- 1.—What stamp pictures the Llandovery Falls?
- 2.—What stamp pictures Lake Marion?
- 3.—What series pictures Affonso Penna?
- 4.—What stamp pictures the Port of Rosario?
- 5.—What stamp pictures a Centaur?
- 6.—What series pictures a Chariot Race?
- 7.—What stamp pictures the Lake of Amatitlan?
- 8.—What stamp bears the name of M. F. Johnson?
- 9.—Who is pictured on the 7c U. S. 1873?
- 10.—What stamp shows a View of Mosquito?

Don't sit up longer than two nights working on these questions. One or two of these will keep you busy for a while, though.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. J.—Your cut-square envelope with the inscription "Official Business—Penalty for Private Use \$300" is an official envelope for government business, and the stamp signifies that it is such. There are many kinds of these envelopes, and very little attention is paid to them by collectors. I know of no list of these envelopes and doubt if one could be compiled as there seems to be no at-

tempt made to keep these envelopes uniform. They are usually known as "Penalty" envelopes, the inscription being designed to warn of the penalty for private use to avoid payment of postage.

Post cards are a little out of my line. The one you describe is quite common and should not be worth over 10c at the most, if that.

Your stamp with the five large perforations is genuine. It is perforated for use on the Schermack machine known as the Mail-o-meter. It is slightly better than the stamp with the large hyphen perf. There are several kinds of perforations used on these mailing machines.

D. M. C.—First issues imperforate of almost any country bring a higher rate than most later issues as the imperforates are particularly in demand. I do not consider that the dealer who offered you a block of four Norway No. 1 at full catalogue was asking too much for it. A pair of this stamp recently sold for \$2.00 in Chicago and I have seen dealers offer as high as \$7.50 for a block of four. This particular stamp is especially desirable in blocks, as few were used. Most of the imperforates in blocks and strips command prices way over the catalogue price, which is for single copies only. To my mind, a fine pair or block is the best way to represent these stamps in one's collection.

R. R. F.—The first stamps of Prince Edward Islands, and in fact, all but the 4-1/2d issued in 1870, were printed from electrotypes, and the entire process was done by Charles Whiting, of Beaufort House, Strand, London. The 4-1/2d issued June 1st, 1870, was engraved and printed by the British-American Bank Note Company, with plants at Montreal and Ottawa. I do not know of any way you could find the official documents announcing the different series, though I presume these are still in existence, nor do I know where there are any copies of these papers.

THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK.

Once upon a time, in the year 1915, a certain stamp dealer owned a nice copy of the 24c U. S. grilled, listing a small fortune, and worth a large roll of real money. He had a chance to sell this stamp for a price, but wanted two dollars more than it was worth, just to see if he could get it. He held off on the sale for two weeks to try to extract this extra two dollars from his customer. One day a small boy happened in to his store, and happened out again with the 24c grill, without the dealer's knowledge. The next day, having heard of the loss, the customer accepted the dealer's price—after the stamp was gone.

Moral:—When you get a chance to make a good trade, make it. Don't wait for the last cent in the deal. Let the other man make something.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AMERICA?

Mexico is certainly doing her part to make 1915 one of many new issues. During the last week, we have secured the series with the G. C. M. in small black monogram, also a copy of a 2c Federal with a G. C. M. surcharge in small black monogram identical to the first rubber stamp surcharge issued some time ago. The writer was fortunate enough to inspect a very large collection of these issues, practically complete, and the new issue man certainly has a few to get before he gets them all. I am told that some of these will be very good property, and that all will be more or less scarce. Just sit tight, and grab any you can get.

Keep your eye on the Costa Rica surcharge, the 1 Colon surcharged 1c, just out. It ought to be worth keeping. Get it on the cover, if you can.

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Our own little U. S. is keeping us busy with the perf. 10 issue, and the coils. More than one collector here has gotten a couple of gray hairs trying to buy the new ones in perfect blocks.

Anybody hear of the stamp business being bad? No? Business is GOOD.

Rumors in the wholesale market indicate that the high values of Chile will not be as plentiful as heretofore. Quite a number of 5 and 10 Pesos were coming to light, but latest reports indicate that the supply abroad is exhausted.

South America is very quiet this year. Nothing doing, not even from Paraguay. Is it the calm before the storm?

We have heard of a new Bolivia issue to appear shortly, but have not seen it. Also, there are doings in Dominican Republic. Hayti is liable to come out with some new surcharges soon. There is still internal trouble there, so a few philatelic souvenirs may be expected.

Did you get the Newfoundland Coronation set? They are all obsolete but the 1, 2 and 5c, and selling fast—at high prices. The 4c is slightly better than some of the others. Used copies come heavily cancelled and are harder by far to get than the unused, in any condition.

The 3c Cuba is mighty scarce. Out of a large quantity, only two were found. The 8c is being used more frequently than in the previous issues. Quite a number of the aeroplane special deliveries are to be had.

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Congo, 1910, 10c, 15c, 25c on Original Cover.
Uganda 1c (2), 10c Edw., 3c Geo. on Original Cover.

These covers are from out of the way places and will give piquancy to your collection. Or if you want a book take:—

Dalwigk's new brochure on "Gambia."
The booklet "How to Deal in Stamps."
Barrett's and Bartels' book on Envelopes.

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By "DON B."

The most important thing in this article is the statement by its author that there have been recent printings of U. S. stamps which will be known as "special printings of 1914." It will prove of great interest to the specialist in U. S. stamps and we shall try and secure definite information in relation to this matter.

The great day has arrived and the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition is an accomplished fact, opening on time, and very complete in all its exterior details, a prospect of wonderful beauty. As to exhibits, many are complete, but many more are on the way. Writing after a strenuous day and a hasty glance it can be said of the stamp exhibits that the U. S. Government has entirely failed to carry out its early plans.

Congress appropriated the sum of half a million dollars for the purpose of erecting a building worthy of the government and in which were to be housed a superlative display of all the Departments. As it stands today there is no building, nor will there be any; the reason assigned is that the supervising architect at Washington declared he did not have the time to produce plans for the building and have it ready for the Exhibition, the result being the \$500,000.00 appropriated by Congress has reverted to the general fund and the building is lost.

The large displays which were proposed by the various departments have also in great measure been lost, as there was no place for them; those that are here have been reduced to their lowest terms and are scattered throughout the various buildings, fragmentary here and there. Stamps will not be printed, neither will coins be minted as were proposed.

The exhibit of the Treasury Department is limited to one press for striking medals, and one small hand press for steel plate work. It includes a few frames of paper money, bonds, revenue stamps and sets of Columbian, Omaha and perhaps special stamps of the other exhibitions, that seem to be special printings, each specimen being imperforate with fair to wide margins all around. They are evidently single imperforates.

In the Post Office Department exhibit is found a complete working post office,

being the Fair Station of the S. F. P. O. In this is located all there is of the much heralded to be postage stamp exhibit of the government, consisting of eight swinging frames about 20"x30", giving sixteen pages, on which is a set of stamps beginning with the re-engraved issue of 1847, down to the present time, omitting all grilles or die varieties, single specimens only and like those in the Treasury exhibit, all imperforate well centered with fair to generous margins. It includes the newspaper, departments, special delivery, postal savings and parcels post, and from a hasty glance appear to be all, or nearly all, special printings prepared no doubt for this occasion, the 3c parcel post being the exact shade of all the other values. In the postage dues, shadings of the first type have been printed, that is—the set is shown in three shades, but every stamp in each set is of the same tone, having the appearance of all having been struck from the same mixing of ink, in other words show all the ear marks of special printings. A hasty whirl around the 600 or more acres of space precludes any critical description at this time of this or any other exhibit, but it is evident we must place another title in our catalogues to be known as the special printings of 1914, time being the deciding factor as to how many and what they may be.

The failure of the government to provide a building for its exhibit, and in which it was hoped would be found space for private exhibits of stamp collections, has rendered it improbable there will be any general stamp exhibit during the period of the Exhibition.

Special exhibits covering individual subjects will be installed wherever a place may be found, details of which are not at the moment available, there will however be a special exhibit of Western Franks; also a special exhibit of paper money (bank notes and fractional) of all varieties, a most complete display that has taken the owner fifty years to get together.

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These imperforate sheets had been ordered by him for the use of The National Bank of Commerce in that city, and when the bank suddenly stopped using them, the postmaster had no other outlet for them.

There were not sufficient, in the opinion of the postmaster, to return to the Post Office Department at Washington and, imperforate, they could not be sold at the stamp window. The size of the sheet (400 stamps) also made it difficult to keep them properly in the safe.

Therefore, in order to put these stamps in such condition that they could be readily sold, the postmaster had the remaining sheets rouletted in his office, making them an official issue, though not authorized by the Department at Washington.

The Department, however, took cognizance of the issue and the postmaster was strictly forbidden to issue any more of the 1c and 2c rouletted stamps, or to manufacture any so-called provisional issue. Orders were also given to report the number of 1c and 2c rouletted stamps still on hand.

As, however, all of the 2c stamps had been sold, and but 4 1/2 sheets of the 1c stamps remained, permission was granted to sell these stamps in panes of 100 or less, over the counter locally only.—*Philatelic Gazette.*

SAN DIEGO ORGANIZES.

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Our organization has on its roll of honor many names of collectors who have been members of former stamp societies in various parts of the country and who have established homes in San Diego, where all the time is summer. The youngest collector and yet the oldest in our club is L. N. Skinner, who has been an ardent collector since before the Civil War, and who today has a collection of some 16,000 that is a treat to look upon.

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	Two scarce stamps.....	1.38	
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	in black. Cheap enough at.....	.05	
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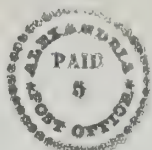
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THE NEW U. S. REVENUES.

From various sources we have compiled a list of the new revenues. The Year Book of the United States Revenue Society has been particularly helpful and we are also indebted to the Economist Stamp Co., the Philadelphia Stamp News and Wm. T. Kimball.

Mr. Kimball writes us that the \$2 cordials and wines is 50 mm. by 43 mm. imperforate and this stamp comes both with and without gum. This large stamp is the size of a block of four of the other stamps of the set. The list follows:—

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The Year Book in the Documentary set, gives the following additional values on revenue paper:—\$5, \$10, \$30, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000.

RETURN OF AN OLD ADVERTISER.

A familiar name will be noticed this week in the return of the New England Stamp Co. to our advertising columns. This firm will take regular space on page 5, column 4, and the firm's varied stock will without doubt provide a fine range of attractive offers. We trust our subscribers will convince this company that the WEEKLY has lost none of its old-time vigor.

CLEVELAND'S 25th ANNIVERSARY.

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio, will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary on March 19-20, and a notable occasion is promised.

The club was organized March 17, 1890, and its regular meetings have been held during all this time without a single interruption. Its membership is large and it is today one of the most influential clubs in the country.

There will be features of special interest. Portions of the Worthington and Pack collections will be exhibited, while Dr. Chase of N. Y. City will exhibit his early issues of U. S. and accompany the same with a talk on these stamps. Gen. Coolidge will represent the A. P. S.

The members of the Garfield-Perry will have on exhibition in the windows of The Burrows Brothers Co., on Euclid Ave., 40 large cards containing stamps from their collections augmented with photographs of some of the great rarities and several foreign diplomas of award in possession of two of its members.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Information was asked for in our last two numbers concerning Geo. A. Tyler of Hartford, Conn. We have received particulars from two advertisers announcing the fact that Tyler was arrested in Detroit, March 1, with stolen jewelry in his possession. It is alleged that it was obtained by burglarizing a house in Hartford.

—Roger H. Hutchinson, Sta. D, Buffalo, N. Y., gave as reference, M. L. Wilbur, principal Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, N. Y., when applying to Emily King for approvals. Letter returned marked: "No such person at Buffalo Law School." Dealers, take notice.

—When the managing editor was connected with the Boston Stamp Book some fifteen years ago, he became first acquainted with C. E. Hussman of St. Louis, whose advertisement will be found elsewhere in this issue. His advertising copy was always welcome, especially in view of the fact that his dealings were always of the most satisfactory nature. It is apparently a case of "once a lover of stamps, always a lover." An old timer has indeed come back.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. V. Doyle, John Fischer, C. O. Swaney, D. E. Lantz, Wray Stamp Co., J. M. Stonier, Paul Matthias (2) and W. L. McAtee.

—A. J. R.—We cannot describe the experimental paper so that you could be absolutely sure that your stamp is printed on this paper. Should advise you to submit it to a dealer who would have a stock sufficiently large to give you the desired information.

—Wm. Lycett submits the Year Book of the Brooklyn Stamp Society. It contains the regulation matter of constitution and by-laws with a generous amount of advertising.

—"I have noticed advertisements in the different stamp papers from time to time by different dealers of the Sirmoor Official stamp in mint condition for about 20c to 25c and wondered if they knew what they were selling. By referring to Gibbons' catalogue they will find that the surcharge on this stamp measures about 25mm. from the top of the O to the period after the bottom S. I have seen quite a number of the ones furnished by different dealers and find they all measure about 21 mm. which is Gibbons' number 92 of the 1900 issue priced at eighteen cents."—F. J. RIER.

N. W. PACIFIC ISLANDS.

We have already announced in the WEEKLY the surcharging of Australian stamps for use in the North West Pacific. Two values have been thus overprinted, the 1d King George and the 2½d kangaroo. According to the Postage Stamp the overprinting is done in three lines of brevier De Vinne type, widely spaced and leaded, similar to the following:—

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EDITORIAL.

Hits Home—Now and then a story is launched forth that strikes public fancy so squarely that the impression made is a lasting one. In the parlance of the day, a hit is registered; and the people are appealed to so surely that they recognize with unanimity, the novel or human touch of the story or incident. These hits are not always a logical sequence of events or situations; and when the scenes are set for the staging of a desired effect the results are apt to be disappointing as hits are spontaneous rather than works of art or craft. However, there is no need to pursue the psychology of hits; for our purpose, it is enough to know that one of the recent hits has a stamp flavor. We refer to the "hunger cry" written under the stamp to escape the censor's notice on letters sent out from districts within the war zone.

As It Developed—Several months ago, we told of the appearance in a newspaper of a cablegram (as it was labeled) from a point in one of the neutral countries to the effect that a postal card which bore a common-place message had been received from the war district and had as a sort of post-script or after-thought on the card, the message: "Save our stamps. They will be rare." When the stamp was removed the words were revealed: "We are starving." A short time afterwards we saw another item of similar kind featured in a newspaper; and somewhat later, the Chicago Post contained an editorial in which the dread import and suggestions of the "hunger cry" were sapiently discussed. It was said by the observing editor that the story had gained wide currency and was one that provided that touch of humanity that makes the whole world kin. Other indications to show that the story has made a "palpable hit" are not lacking. For instance, a traveling man has just finished telling us that when he was in Texas recently, one of his customers told him that he had received a letter from a relative in the theatre of war in which glowing terms were used

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to describe the security of mind and material welfare of the sender and his family; and the recipient was told in the course of the letter, incidentally, that it would be a good plan to begin to collect foreign stamps as they would be valuable in time to come. The stamp was removed and the words stood forth: "The truth is,—we are starving." We have heard several other variations of what in its essentials is the same story.

Official—Mr. Ora E. Stark, Omaha, Nebraska, who was one of the first to dispel any doubt as to the existence of the two-cent proprietary stamp of the present issue has sent us a letter that he has received from G. E. Fletcher, Deputy Commissioner, office of commissioner of internal revenue, treasury department, Washington, in which official information of interest to collectors is given: "In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, you are advised that there were 7,800,000 two cent proprietary stamps issued. Many of these stamps were used on packages of gum, which required a four cent stamp, and the two cent stamps were doubled up to meet a shortage in the supply of four cent stamps early in December last. The two cent stamps have not been withdrawn from issue, but as they were originally prepared to meet an emergency for the payment of tax on wine, at a time when distinctive wine stamps could not be furnished, just after the law went into effect, and they were not used for that purpose, it is to be presumed that there is no very large need of this particular stamp."

We Recall—In connection with the foregoing paragraph, there are a few angles that may be reviewed now before they are forgotten. We were fortunate in having a correspondent who gave us early and exclusive information about the revenue bill and its consequences, revenue stamps. We may repeat that just before December 1st, 1914, it was debatable, we reported, whether the proposed distinctive issue of wine and cordial stamps would be issued; and the fact that the series was prepared is testimony to the fact that the bureau of engraving and printing established a wonderful record for celerity just before the time the tax was to become effective. In line with the explanation given by the commissioner the appearance of the two cent in the proprietary set will be readily understood although from a reading of the proprietary tax sections of the law it is not seen how there would be a demand for a two cent proprietary stamp.

Full Pages—We obtained recently a sheet or pane of one hundred stamps each of the one cent, type III, and three cent, type II, of the 1857-60 issue, United States. The sheets had lain away undisturbed for many years in the possession of a collector who secured the stamps at a time when collectors were satisfied with the single stamps. The margins of each sheet are intact and the plate number of the one cent is "No. 10. P." and of the three cent, "No. 28. P." Number 28 is the last plate of the three cent per-

forated and No. 10 of the one cent is third from the last number or 12. The imprint is "Toppan, Carpenter & Co.," etc., as it was in 1855 that the name "Casilear" was discontinued. On both sheets, the name Carpenter appears as "Carpenter" as a result of a revamping of the imprint plate and the removal of "Casilear" from the legend. The explanation of Dr. Carroll Chase, in his handbook on the three cent of the issue of 1851 is needed here: "About the middle of the year 1855, the firm name of the engravers was changed by dropping the name 'Casilear,' but the same small transfer roll continued in use as is proved by a careful study of the imprint found on the perforated sheets, which were all made after this date, the die being rocked so as to cut 'Toppan, Carpenter' and then taken up and put so that '& Co. Bank' etc. appeared next. But the '&' always shows some trace of the 'C' of 'Casilear' or following 'Carpenter' will be found the final 'ar' or 'r' of Carpenter," and so on.

An Old One—Mr. H. J. Steigerwalt writes: "I send a sketch of a marking placed by some former owner in an envelope on which was written: 'Very rare P. O. Mailing Stamp.' My sketch shows the size of the paper evidently cut from an old cover and the impression is in red and looks as though it had been applied with a hand-stamp. In one corner is 1827 in black ink,—can this be the year of the postmark?" While we do not happen to have any postmarks of the period indicated at hand, we know that before 1827, postmarks sometimes varied from the regulation circular form. The postmark which resembles, let us say, a cornucopia, has the words on its sides: "Augusta, Maine, July 19," and the 1827 is undoubtedly the year in which the cover was mailed. We are not convinced that the somewhat unusual impression has any significance greater than that of the plain postmark, even though it is something of a curiosity.

"WHITE BACKS" GOOD PROPERTY.

"White Backs" are still eagerly sought after. It requires but little reflection to consider why these items will eventually become good. Whatever happens, the German and Austrian collector will require these stamps to complete his collection after the war. Today none but British or neutral dealers can import these stamps. The British dealers with the present money stringency can import only what they require for their new issue services and a small surplus; the neutrals, too, are financially handicapped, and from what I hear are afraid of their letters, with remittances, being lost, so they are not importing at all. Many of these issues are already exhausted and others may follow suit at any moment.

Obviously, therefore, when peace rules once more and German and Austrian collectors start buying they will find that there have not been enough "White Backs" imported to go round. Thus it is not improbable that we may later witness another "single C A period." Let the collector take heed, therefore, and not neglect these issues.—Stamp Collecting.

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* 1904, 15c on 10c violet	.25	.08
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Hereafter 50 per cent. discount advertising will be allowed in the WEEKLY, but the 60, 75 and 90 per cent. offers will be tabooed. When these percentages appear they must take the form of definite offerings of stamps. Catalogue and sale price may both be stated. We shall also decline all general references to stamps at one-third, one-fourth, or one-fifth of catalog.

Why this step?

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lecting must have a very superficial foundation. The time is ripe for this reform! It will prevent a misconception of stamp values and increase the stability of our hobby. It recognizes that a good line of 50 per cent. discount stamps is possible but the common stamps sold at 75 to 90 per cent. discount should not be offered in the WEEKLY to the detriment of our hobby. The number of really good stamps that can be sold at these discounts is too small to allow the advertiser to profit by the advertising of such large discounts.

Where stamps are sold at one-fourth, one-fifth or one-tenth of catalogue there is danger of faked or mended stamps, remainders of stocks, reprintings or big wholesale lots materializing. Our plan will tend to put a quietus on this kind of stuff and will at least reduce its sale to a minimum.

We shall no doubt lose some advertising by this new rule but we shall gain in our respect for our own U. S. postage, revenues and tax paid, single CA's and "white backs," original covers and the mass of things stampic that are all about us and in which we take such keen delight.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

INES TO THE THREE CENT GREEN.

By EUGENE FIELD.

Written Sept. 24, 1883.

Good-bye, old stamp, it's nasty luck
That ends our friendship so.
When others failed you gamely stuck,
But now you've got to go.
So here's a flood of honest tears,
And here's an honest sigh.
Good-bye, old friend of many years—
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

Your life has been a varied one,
With curious phases fraught—
Sometimes a check, sometimes a dun,
Your daily coming brought;
Smiles to a waiting lover's face,
Tears to a mother's eyes,
Or joy or pain to every place—
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

You bravely toiled, and better men
Will vouch for what I say;
Although you have been licked, 'twas when
Your face turned to other way,
'Twas often in a box you got
(As you will not deny)—
For going through the mails, I wot—
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

Ah, in your last expiring breath
The tale of years is heard—
The sound of voices hushed in death,
A mother's dying word;
A maiden's answer soft and sweet,
A wife's regretful sigh,
The patter of a baby's feet—
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!

What wonder, then, that at this time
When you and I must part,
I should aspire to speak in rhyme
The promptings of my heart.
Go, bide with all those memories dear
That live when others die—
You've nobly served your purpose here—
Good-bye, old stamp, good-bye!
Courtesy of H. F. Mustain.

WAR STAMPS SINCE AUGUST, 1914.

All collectors are taking a lively interest in war stamps. Below we give a condensed reference list of stamps issued in consequence of the war since August last.

Austria.—October 4th, 1914.—Two War Relief Stamps. Current design adapted. Sold at two heller over face value.

Belgium.—October 2nd, 1914.—Red Cross Stamps. Head of King Albert and monument design. Five cents, ten cents and twenty cents. Lithographed on unwatermarked paper.

Jan. 4th, 1915.—Red Cross Stamps with head of King Albert in size of monument design. Issued at Havre, (German Administration):
October, 1914.—Current German stamps,

overprinted in black "Belgien" and currency in centimes. Issued in Brussels.

Bosnia.—October, 1914.—War Relief Stamps of five and ten heller, 1906 issue, overprinted seven and twelve heller.

France.—August 18th, 1914.—Ten centimes stamp, surcharged five centimes. September 10th, 1914.—Distinctive stamp. Sower design with inscription "Croix-rouge postes."

French Morocco.—September 1st, 1914.—Red Cross Stamp.

Hungary.—October, 1914.—War Relief Stamps, overprinted with words, "War Relief," on seventeen values.

India (Expeditionary Force).—October, 1914.—Stamps of India overprinted "I. E. F." for use with British troops on the Continent, Egypt, etc., in ten values.

Indo-China.—1914.—Red Cross.

Monaco.—October, 1914.—Red Cross Stamp.

New Guinea (New Britain).—October, 1914.—Provisional issue. German Colonial stamps overprinted "G. R. I." and value in English.

North-West Pacific.—December, 1914. Australian Stamps for use in Caroline, Marianne and Marshall Islands.

Russia.—November 26th, 1914.—War Charity Stamps. Four values. Sold at one kopeck extra per stamp.

Samoa (British).—September 3d, 1914.—Provisional issue. German Colonials overprinted "G. R. I." and new value in English. September 29th, 1914.—Permanent issue. New Zealand stamps, overprinted "Samoa."

Togoland (British issue).—October, 1914.—German Colonial stamps, overprinted "Togo-Anglo-French-Occupation." Surcharged with new value in the case of the two lowest values.

Togoland (French issue).—October, 1914, similar stamps, overprinted "Togo-Occupation-franco-anglaise."

Turkey.—Oct., 1914.—Current stamps, overprinted in commemoration of closing all foreign post offices in Turkey as a consequence of the abolition of the Capitulations.

When one considers that under many of the above headings long sets of stamps are included—not to mention errors, varieties of setting, etc.—the list is already of no mean length!—Stamp Collecting.

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1905, 1p to 1 dinar. .35
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6 Crete	05	5 Panama	13	6 Hong-Kong	05
7 Siam	15	6 Roumania	05	8 Philippines	04
7 Macao	10	6 Rensia	05	25	40
10 Chile	08	10 Brazil	05	10 Jamaica	10
10 Greece	05	20 Denmark	07	15 Argentina	11
30 France	10	35	13	17 Mexico	09
45 Italy	04	20 Portugal	06	17 Trinidad	13
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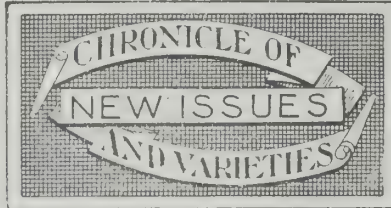
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—Nic. A. Johnson reports having seen the new 1c carmine Documentary used on a box of gum. Apparently some one made a double mistake, using documentary where proprietary, and paying one cent tax on a 5c article.

H. W. Lindaman adds the 24c Wines stamp to the list of the new revenues which have been seen on post office paper.

Russell H. Cooley reports having seen current United States postage stamps precanceled "Agana—Guam."

Although we have not yet seen the stamp, Scott's Circular lists the \$1 value on the single-lined watermarked paper.

CANADA.—As noted last week, the current postage stamps have been overprinted for use as special war tax stamps. The overprint of the second type is printed diagonally reading down. Mr. Hemond says the first type overprinted simply "War Tax" will be particularly scarce, as it was only in use for a week.

DENMARK.—Several foreign contemporaries note that the 5, 10 and 20 ore avisporto stamps have been seen on paper watermarked crosses.

EGYPT.—Stamp Collecting notes that the current pictorial set is being issued with the official overprint "O. H. H. S." in both Roman and Arabic characters. The period after "S" on the 90th stamp is missing.

Official Adhesives.

1m brown and black.

5m lilac and black.

Ewen's Weekly reports having seen the current 5m stamp overprinted "O. H. H. S." without the Arabic inscription. It is suggested that since Great Britain has proclaimed the Protectorate of Egypt, the Arabic inscription will hereafter be omitted.

GRENADA.—Russell H. Cooley reports having received a letter from Grenada franked with two of the 1d King George stamps, and half of another cut diagonally, to serve as a 1/2d stamp. Probably due to a shortage in the supply of 1/2d stamps.

NEW BRITAIN.—The 1d King George and 2 1/2d Kangaroo stamps of Australia have been overprinted "N. W.—Pacific—Islands" for use in the German Colonies in the North Pacific taken over by Great Britain.

NEW ZEALAND.—The King George set is being held up on account of the 1/2d value. A. C. Roessler states that no more of the Edwardian type will be overprinted Samoa.

Quotations noted wholesale for G. R. I. on German Samoa, in unused blocks of 4, 1/2d on 3pf, 1/2d on 5pf, 2 1/2d on 20pf, 30sh each.

SIAM.—Maury's Collectionneur notes the issue of a new series of stamps with portrait of the King.

Adhesives.

3s green.

5s violet.

6s light red.

12s red.

TURKEY.—Stamp Collecting adds the following to the list of stamps which have been issued with the overprint "Capitulations Abrogated 1330." 2pa, 4pa, 6pa, 1 1/2pi, 1 1/2pi, 2 1/2pi.

This country has also issued a charity provisional, the 1 1/2pi having been surcharged in blue "1 piastre for the benefit of the Fleet."

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Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

BOSTON, MASS., March 13, 1915.

The 332nd (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the club room on Tuesday evening, March 16, at 8.15 P. M.

The names of the following applicants for membership will be balloted for: Arthur M. Wright, Roger Batchelder, Walter D. Swan, S. G. Bixby, James S. Bell, Jr.

The auction sale for the benefit of the Society's library postponed from the last meeting will be held.

The subject of purchasing a projecting lantern for the Society will be discussed.

The entertainment committee have invited Mr. Alfred E. Owen to give a talk on United States Plate Numbers, illustrated by his collection of same and it is to be hoped that the members will pay Mr. Owen the compliment of a large attendance.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

Those members who are in town will find congenial company for dinner at the "Dreyfus" at 6 P. M. These informal dinners are very pleasant preludes to the meeting. Come and join us.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:—

We are tonight at the 24th milestone in the path that the Boston Philatelic Society is pursuing, and the reports of your officers will show the trend of its course. The Secretary cannot say that it is upward, nor yet downward, for we have come out even in our membership for the year. The admissions have been an even dozen; but we have lost by resignation six, by dropping for non-payment of dues four, and have to record two deaths, that of Philip Wolff, our former Foreign Secretary, and Jesse W. Sargent. As to date, Mr. Wolff's

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The total membership is 181 divided into 5 Honorary, 117 Resident and 59 Non-resident members.

The work of the year has consisted of ten regular meetings, twelve informal meetings and ten meetings of the Council, one of which was informal. The average attendance at the regular meetings was 32.8, which is six below the record of last year. The Secretary believes that this is partly due to the lack of a definite and well-worked-out pro-

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gram, that our membership can be early and properly apprised of.

The informal meetings have had an average of perhaps a dozen in attendance, according to one of those regularly there. No formal records of these meetings are kept, of course.

At the Council meetings the average attendance has been just below seven, and on only one occasion were all nine members present. Of the members at large the most regular attendants have been Messrs. Brown, Nevin, Phelps and Bail.

The sudden death of our Foreign Secretary, Philip Wolff, even before his re-election last January, did not become known to us until February, when his position was filled by the Council in appointing Chas. S. Hill.

The Council approved former President Nevin's recommendation that we have a Society collection, and appointed Mr. A. Parker Brown as Curator. The collection has been well started during the year and it is hoped the members will not forget it when they find anything they can turn its way.

The Council also appointed Mr. A. Parker Brown as an Auction Purchasing Agent for Boston, for the convenience of such members as wish to avail themselves of his services.

The matter of the "proofs of essays" which had caused considerable discussion the previous year was finally settled in a satisfactory manner to all concerned.

The statistics for the Secretary's department for the past year show 155 letters and 56 post cards written, 3 copies Statutes and Library Catalog mailed, and 1216 notices of meetings sent out—a total of 1430 pieces of mail matter.

In closing this report your Secretary really regretfully lays down his official duties. For two years as your President, for one year Vice-President, for four years your Secretary as a first term and now for six years your Secretary as a second term, I have given you thirteen years of my service as an official; and while I have been glad to do this you can perhaps realize that I feel I have given generously of my time to the interests of the Society and have earned a retirement. I shall always stand ready, however, to lend a helping hand whenever I can do so. In closing I must express my sincerest thanks and appreciation to you all for the confidence you have reposed in me and the kindness and fraternity you have one and all shown me.

Respectively submitted,

C. A. HOWES, F. R. P. S.,
Secretary.

The Postal Card Society of America.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dues received since last report: from Nos. 184, 202 and 19, total, \$2.50, which has been remitted to the treasurer.

Change of Addresses.—J. H. Fountain to 2308 1/2 W. 10th street, same city. Rev. M. Klosowski to St. Michael's Hospital, Steven's Point, same state.

Resignation.—Edwin F. Sawyer, Maitland Milliken has tendered his resignation as purchasing agent, and it has been accepted by the secretary. The secretary will be glad to receive the name of a candidate for position. The office should not remain vacant. This office and the sales department are the life of our society if members will patronize them.

Contrary to the usual custom there will be no election this year for the reason that there appears no opposing candidate nominated for the respective offices. The present elective officers will therefore hold their offices for the current year.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

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117	12c 1869, used	1.00	.50
118	15c 1869, centered a trifle west, fine	3.50	1.50
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122	90c 1869, well centered, beautiful copy	15.00	10.00
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* 17a	1d beautiful copy	10.00	3.00
* 20	1d beautiful copy	3.75	1.50
* 23	1d beautiful copy	1.50	.75
21	4d fine	3.50	1.40
* 30	5sh fine	3.25	1.40
2	4d Cape of G. I., at base but fine	1.50	.60
3	1d slightly damaged	3.00	.75
3a	1d wide margins	3.50	1.75
3a	1d cut close, otherwise fine	3.50	1.00
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* 1	1d New Foundland, fine	2.50	1.10
* 3	3d New Foundland, fine	2.50	1.00
* 17	2d New Foundland, fine	6.00	2.50
* 18	4d New Foundland, fine	1.00	.50
* 20	6d New Foundland, fine	.60	.30
* 21	6 1/2d New Foundland, fine	2.50	1.00
* 22	8d New Foundland, fine	3.50	1.50
* 23	1sh New Foundland, fine	1.50	.75
26	10c New Foundland, fine	2.50	1.00
26a	10c New Foundland, fair copy	2.50	.75
33	5c New Foundl'd, good copy	4.00	1.70
28	13c New Foundland, centered	1.50	.75
* 1	5c Chile, beautiful copy	30.00	10.00
2a	10c Chile, nice copy (Gibbons' Cat.)	25.00	7.50
* 12b	10c Chile, beautiful copy	16.00	7.00

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MAY MARTIN

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WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

"DIFFERENT" COLLECTIONS.

FORENOTE.

In securing data for this series of articles, the writer has inspected a large number of collections. Unfortunately, the vast majority of collectors pursue their hobby along certain "cut-and-dried" lines, without the slightest variation from the conventional. This is especially true of the collector who uses the printed album, which while practically essential for the general collector, does not permit readily of originality in collecting. In fact, so great is this beaten path that anyone diverging from it is often looked upon as a "crank" by his fellow collectors. The specialist usually prepares a more original collection than the general collector, for the reasons that he generally uses a blank album, permitting him to collect or discard at will without marring the beauty of the collection, and also because his limited field of research permits him to cover every point fully, whereas the general collector must be content with such stamps as he can afford to buy in order to form a good representative collection. It is the consensus of opinion that individuality in collecting, as in everything else, should be the aim of all collectors truly interested in the work.

From the above, do not get the impression that I am condemning general collecting in favor of specialism. As noted in a previous series, I am still of the opinion that for the average collector and especially the beginner, the general collection offers the best field of work. Every collector has a pet country or group which interests him more than others, and I believe he will do well to devote more attention to the country of his choice than to some of the less popular ones. Bear in mind that every country can be specialized, and that all are highly interesting when gone into beneath the surface, whether it be the Ionian Islands with its three stamps or the Colombian Republic with its multitude of varieties.

For the collector who uses a printed album, but does not know what to do with strips, or blocks, or covers, or little pieces of similar nature, let me suggest that he invest in a small loose-leaf quadrille ruled album. A book designed for students' notes can be procured for a small sum, (a size 7x10 or thereabouts should cost approximately 50c) and every collector will find this book of use to them in handling new issues or stamps not placed in the regular album. Also, a book of this nature permits the collector to use his ingenuity in designing the pages. The writer uses blank albums entirely (and for many years depended on the small book noted above) and finds that a great deal of the sport of collecting lies in the designing of the pages. To mount a series in a book, arranged by someone else, and in the same way some hundred thousand or more other collections are designed, may be all right, but for a collection that will attract attention wherever exhibited, use a blank album and design your collection in the way you think it would look the best. Then YOU are satisfied, anyway, whether anyone else is or not, and that is the most important feature of collecting.

If you had a house for sale and a man offered you \$7,000 for it, would you be satisfied with \$5,000? If you were building a business, would you turn away orders that you could fill? Wouldn't you get every particle of benefit out of the business you could? Don't you get every particle of benefit out of life you can? (Probably not, because very few of us know how, but you would if you could, and you think you do, and the thought makes you happy, so well and good.) Then, why not get every particle of fun out of collecting? If you want to leave out a set of stamps in a country, do you do it, or do you buy

them because the book calls for them? If you feel like putting in an unused and a used copy, and maybe a strip or a block or a cover, do you do it? If you feel like specializing in Nicaragua, do you do it, or let the man who thinks U. S. the only country to collect tell you that Nicaragua isn't worth two whoops in Hungary, and thus dissuade you from your fun? Are you brave enough to come out in the sun-light and collect what you want to and not let anyone force you to collect what you do not want to? If you are, you will have a "different" collection, and whether it be worth \$10.00 or \$1,000, it will be worth looking at. The fun is there. If you want it, take it, and take it all.

This series of articles will deal with only a very few of the ways collectors have found for making their collections unique. I shall be pleased to hear from any of the readers who can furnish me with any information on this subject, and assure you that all matter of use will be published. If your collection has any out of the ordinary features tell me all about it, so that I can give the other collectors the benefit of your work. Due credit will be given in all cases, of course.

The first of these articles will appear at an early date.

THOSE CONTESTS.

If you haven't written your entry for the "Handsome Man" contest, get busy right away and send it in. I must have all entries by Tuesday evening, March 16th, so don't lose any time. Just write legibly your idea of the stamp bearing the picture of the most handsome man, telling what stamp it is, and why you think it is the stamp. You'll never be able to get \$5.00 worth of stamps easier, and who knows but what you might win the first prize, or even the second or third prizes, which are equally acceptable. The answers are coming in pretty fast, but there are still a great many of you who aren't among the contestants. You all have an opinion on this subject. Let me know what it is.

THE OTHER CONTEST.

The ten questions dealing with the picture stamps were easy, weren't they? Just to be sure you're right, get out your answer slips and compare them with these:

- 1.—The 1d Jamaica stamp of 1900 pictures the Llandoverly Falls. This stamp was issued bi-colored in 1901.
- 2.—The Tasmania 1/2d, 1900, pictures Lake Marion. Same is issued with other watermarks in later years.
- 3.—The 1906 Brazil Official series bears a portrait of Affonso Penna.
- 4.—The Argentine Republic 5c stamp of 1902, issued to commemorate the opening of the Port of Rosario, bears a picture of that port.
- 5.—The Jubilee stamp of 1910 of Uruguay bears the picture of a Centaur. This stamp is issued in two values, 2c and 5c.
- 6.—The Roumania series of 1906 bears the picture of a Chariot Race.
- 7.—Lake Amatitlan is pictured on the 10c Guatemala 1902 series.
- 8.—The 5c and 10c Tellico Plains, Tennessee, Confederate local stamps are inscribed with the name of M. F. Johnson, Postmaster of that place. Probably very few of the readers can find these two stamps in their collections. They are worth the price of a trip to the Expo.
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By AL. DE LA TORRE BUENO.

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Sailing down the west coast of South America in 1526, Francisco Pizarro and his fellow-adventurers reached a wondrous country, rich in agriculture and the product of its mines, inhabited by a people who had achieved a state of civilization almost equal to that which the adventurers had left behind, a people with a properly constituted form of government—communistic in character—and with an established religion, the basis of which was the adoration of the sun (emblem seen on the coat-of-arms of Peru and on the 1 and 50 centavos and 1 sol 1874-9 and 1 centavo 1880, 1885 and 1895-96).

The Inca Empire, as the nation which Pizarro discovered was called, was founded about the IX century by Manco Capac (1 and 2 centavos 1896 and 1899 and 1 centavo 1909) who became the *casique*, or head of the Inca race. Manco Capac's origin is lost in the dim obscurity of the past, though the Inca traditions claim him to have been a son of the sun. Manco Capac united the savage Indian tribes on the shores of the Cuzco River, civilized them and taught them the worship of the sun.

Pizarro, after suffering untold hardships on the Isla de Gallos, where he had been deserted by all but thirteen of his companions, gathered about him a band of 187 fearless spirits and with them invaded the Inca Empire in 1532,

gave battle to a force of 40,000 Incas, which he routed, and, aided by internal dissensions—the brothers Huascar and Atahualpa were fighting at the time for the throne—he conquered the Empire, betrayed the then reigning Casique, Atahualpa, and gave to Spain her richest possession.

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In 1535, Francisco Pizarro laid the first stone of the City of the Kings, as Lima, the capital of Peru, was called at the time, and in 1551, the royal charter was granted to the University of San Marcos, the oldest university in the Western Hemisphere, the School of Medicine (20 centavos 1907) founded in 1792, being famous throughout South America.

Almagro, who had been Pizarro's lieutenant, became embittered at the latter's success and organized a revolution which Pizarro suppressed, Almagro being executed by Pizarro's brothers. This further embittered Almagro's family against Pizarro and one day he was stabbed to death by Almagro's son and some of his followers as he knelt before

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The mummified body of the discoverer and conqueror of Peru, Francisco Pizarro, reposes in a glass casket in the cathedral at Lima where those who will may gaze upon all that is left of this great figure in the history of Peru.

Peru continued under the Spanish domain for nearly three centuries, and as this was a hard and bitter period for the colonists there is nothing in her postal issues to remind one of the dreary years endured by the settlers.

In 1820, General San Martin (5 centavos 1909), one of the liberators of Chile, reached Peru and became the leading spirit in Peru's war for independence. Prior to this Chile, Bolivia and Venezuela had obtained their independence from Spain through the efforts of Simon Bolivar, "El Libertador" as the people lovingly called him, a figure which stands pre-eminent in the history and making of South America.

In 1821, nearly half a century after the Declaration of Independence of the United States, Peru declared her independence, and the following year Simon Bolivar (10 centavos 1909) came at the call of her oppressed people, joined the army of independence, was declared dictator and drove the Spaniards from her shores, the Spaniards evacuating Callao, their last foothold in South America, in 1826.

Jose La Mar (50 centavos and 1 and 2 soles 1896 and 12 centavos 1909) was born at Guayaquil in 1778 and died in Costa Rica in 1830 after having distinguished himself in the War of Independence of Peru, during which he served as a general and commanded some of the forces at the decisive battles of Junin and Ayacucho. He was elected as the second President of Peru on August 24th, 1827, but was deposed on June 7th, 1829, after a disastrous war with Colombia.

After the war of independence, followed a period of reconstruction and adjustment to a new state of affairs which ran along smoothly and normally till 1866. During this period General Ramon Castilla (20 centavos 1909), born in 1797, who had distinguished himself in the war of independence, was elected president and served from 1845 to 1850; he was later re-elected and served from 1855 to 1859. During his second period of administration, he suppressed slavery and the personal tribute levied upon the Indians. He died in 1867 at the head of a revolutionary movement.

In 1866, Spain, which had never recognized the independence of Peru, tried to enforce her sovereignty over the country to meet an ignominious defeat at the hands of the Peruvian forces.

In 1868, Peru opened the doors of her first Exposition, which lasted till 1872. The beautiful Palacio de la Exposicion (10 centavos 1907) as well as the other buildings were of a permanent character and are still standing as are also the beautiful marble gates leading to the grounds.

In 1878, Bolivia became embroiled in a war with Chile, and Peru, coming to the assistance of the former, was left to bear the brunt of the conflict and to suffer defeat at the hands of the Chileans in a war which was stigmatized by the able writer and historian, Captain Markham, in his history of the war of the West Coast, as a blot on the civilization of the XIX century. Here we have the pitiful sight of Peru's misfortune being made more pitiful by the surcharging of her stamps with the superimposition of

the Chilean coat-of-arms (issue of 1881-1882).

The war with Chile was signalized by the bravery and patriotism displayed by the sons of Peru in a war for which the country was utterly unprepared. Peru's navy consisted of but one serviceable vessel, the "Huascar," named after the great Inca casique, commanded by Rear Admiral Miguel Grau (1 centavo 1901, 2 centavos 1907, and 50 centavos 1909) born in 1838. Admiral Grau with his vessel kept the Chileans at bay and was practically the mainstay of the Peruvian arms, till he was overwhelmed by the concentrated force of the Chilean navy, consisting of two ironclads and four other vessels, his vessel being sunk and he losing his life at Angamos in 1879.

General Bolognesi (1 sol 1909 and 2 centavos 1901) immortalized by the Bolognesi Monument (1 centavo 1907-08) was another of the heroes of the war of the west coast, whose deeds of valor will always shine in the pages of Peru's history.

Chile's war of devastation robbed Peru not alone of territory, but of progress, setting her back years and years, undoing what had been done in the years of peace and tranquility, stirred up a sentiment of unrest which caused internal strife and gave birth to many revolutions and changes of government during one of which General Nicolas Pierola (5 centavos 1897) again took the reins of government in his hands. Later, General Andres Avelino Caceres, one of Peru's most valiant sons and one who never lowered the Peruvian flag to the Chilean arms, became President and was followed by his friend, Morales Bermudez (surcharge on the stamps of 1894) who died in office, when General Caceres again took the reins of Government in his hands.

After General Caceres became President, the country began a new era of peace which has been marred only by the revolution made in 1895 by General Pierola and the late ousting of President Billinghurst. During this period, Romana (5 centavos 1901) was President for a term but did nothing special to distinguish himself.

During this new era of progress, the Medical School (20 centavos 1907) which had been despoiled by the Chileans was rehabilitated, the new race course and club house of Santa Beatriz (1 sol 1907) was built, as also was the postal and telegraph office (50 centavos 1907) both branches being under government control, and the Municipal Institute of Hygiene (12 centavos 1907).

Thus we read the history of Peru in her stamps.

SOME MORE MEXICANS.

We have been shown by A. Goldsmith of Cleveland, Ohio, some more Mexican "provisionals" that are possibly the creations of speculators. These stamps are on "original covers" and have every appearance of being made to order.

One cover has a set of revenue stamps consisting of the 1, 2, 5, and 10c values with the overprinting "Correos." The surcharge on the 1c is in carmine and blue on the three other values.

A second cover has the regular Mexican issue, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5c with a vertical overprint on each, reading "Gobierno Const." The surcharge reads upwards and is printed in two lines in carmine on the 1 and 3c values and in blue on the others.

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EDITORIAL.

San Francisco Calls—San Francisco has invited philatelic America to its festival and the Pacific Coast members of the national stamp organizations are anxious that a large number of philatelists enjoy their hospitality at convention time. Ordinarily, it would be too early to plan for attendance at a convention to be held in August, but this year is an exceptional one and not subject to routine ruling; and members in the east must begin to make plans for convention travel, else they may find that time may slip by so quickly that they will be unprepared at the last moment.

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Cleveland Celebrates—This has been Cleveland's week and there has been a memorable gathering of philatelists in the city made famous by the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. We know whereof we speak and we shall have an account of the festivities in an early issue. Meantime, we say without any reservations, that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club has been fittingly celebrated.

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Matter Of Taste—In the course of his learned disquisition, a writer says that one can tell usually when a stamp has had its color changed chemically by its "taste." Eheu, another rite will have to be performed by the collector as he beholds the stamp. In addition to squinting at the specimen through a glass and testing the snap of the paper and using benzine on the stamp, the expert will have to taste it. The tongue will tell.

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Curbs Enthusiasm—Nothing can disturb the poise of our Bill Bloss. He is conservative in his expressions, even though his love for Philatelia is fiercely ardent; and we should wonder at Bill's power of repression if we did not suspect that Bill well knows that if he gave loose to his passion, his fervid eloquence would startle us ordinary chaps. So, wisely, he burns within and turns a calm, if not cold exterior to the philate-

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telic mob. For instance, Bill has admitted in his column that a pair of No. 1 Norway is a rather select piece; and he plunged verbally by saying that this stamp in block was not to be found in every day's journey. Leaving Bill in proud possession of his opinions, we wish to call attention to the fact that a pair of No. 1 Norway sold recently in a sale of the Philadelphia Stamp Company for \$10.50. Even a pair of Norway's first stamp is not common; and as for blocks, they are almost extinct.

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In Brief—Our newer readers in particular may find the following explanation which Mr. Al. de la Torre Bueno has been kind enough to send us of instructive interest. The word "Ultramar" on Cuban and Puerto Rican stamps has been known to puzzle collectors for a time. "The Spanish word, ultramar, is composed of the Latin prefix ultra, meaning over or beyond; and the main root, or Spanish word mar, sea. Consequently, we see that the word ultramar means over or beyond the sea and is the word employed by Spain to designate her colonies over or 'beyond the sea.' In her postal issues, however, she employed the word only in connection with the earlier issues of the stamps used for Cuba (1868 to 1879) and Puerto Rico (1868 to 1876). As far as the Philippines are concerned, she used between the years 1854 and 1872, stamps similar to those for the mother country with the inscription 'Correos' or 'Correos Interior'; after the above dates all the stamps for the Philippine Islands bore the word, Filipinas."

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On The Back—The Third Assistant Postmaster General has issued a warning that the customs-duty stamps furnished by the Canadian and Australian governments to persons in this country for the purpose of paying the duty for the senders on "certain printed advertising matter" addressed to these British colonies may be affixed only to the reverse side of such advertising matter. "If such customs-duty stamps should be affixed to the address side of the matter, it shall not be accepted for mailing." The regular postage stamps must prepay the matter under this classification.

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Mentioned Before—We have the pleasure of hearing again from Mr. Childs: "Some time ago, I wrote you about an article on the first British postage stamps, which occupied pages 491 to 505, in the *Westminster Review*, London, V. 33, October 1839 to March 1840. The several plates were a feature of the account, which at the outset gives much space to bibliography and the political aspects with reference to the postal department. The different schemes for prepaying postage are touched upon and reference is made in several instances to the accompanying plates. The possibility of counterfeiting is discussed and shown to be without foundation. The first two plates merely represent line engraving in surface prints so it is stated. The third plate is in two parts, the upper of which has two cuts in red and black, provid-

ing designs for a stamp which could be cheaply produced; the lower part has several examples of colored embossing and dry stamping without color as practiced at the Stamp Office; the colors seem to be blue. The next is Mr. Sievier's design for stamp covers with detailed information as to the cost of production. The last plate represents engraving by Perkins, Bacon, Petch and Company. There are two large ovals with allegorical figures surrounded by six smaller ones, perhaps a half-inch in diameter, containing the ten commandments, or at least that is what they seemed to be. (I had no glass with me and so could not examine the small type closely.) These specimens of line engraving are remarkably clear and distinct." We do not remember having seen the typographical examples cited by Mr. Childs but we have examined similar productions in English art and other journals of that period and marvel at their excellence.

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Just Out—A reader has shown us the Nicaragua locomotive type, No. 328, in the catalogue with the surcharge, "Vale cinco centavos de cordoba 1913," with a double surcharge. This uncatalogued variety was recently received in the mail of a large firm. The stamps surcharged "Oficial" in black on the A24 catalogue type, Nicaragua, are coming in the mails. The stamps which are in blue seen thus far are the one and the twenty-five centavos.

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That Canal Zone Error—We notice that the *Stamp Journal* speaks of the error on the two cent Canal Zone of the third series in which the "L" of Canal is placed on its side in relation to the other letters. As is said, this error is very rare and our contemporary says: "Only about twenty-five of these stamps are known, though there must have been originally 950 or 1,000 of them." We happen to have before us a letter from the Disbursing Officer of the Isthmian Canal Commission on the subject of this error, which is dated February 10, 1906, in which he says that such was the vigilance of the authorities in withdrawing the stamp in question, that he believes that not more than twenty got into circulation and that he knew of the existence of but eight of the error.

THOSE U. S. SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

Our San Francisco correspondent was mistaken in his opinion that among the exhibit at San Francisco were stamps which would ultimately be known as belonging to a special printing. We took the matter up with the authorities in Washington and the following communication from W. J. Barrows, acting third assistant postmaster general, would seem to take care of the matter.

"The Department stamp exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is composed of a set of die proofs of all adhesive issues beginning with 1847 and including the Philippines distinctive issue, special delivery, registry and postal savings stamps."

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We stated the grounds last week for taking this step and feel that the trade will recognize the value of our rule. We ask our advertisers to comply with the new rule and feel positive that in the end the stand we have taken will be amply justified.

Already we are beginning to receive hearty endorsements of the stand taken. The International Stamp Co. sent us a telegram and followed up with a letter expressing hearty approval and declaring that the reform was very much needed.

A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. believes that this step taken by the WEEKLY will be of great

value to philately, dealer and collector alike being benefited.

D. M. Ward, Gary, Ind., who has been using 60 and 70 per cent. discount lines accepts the situation gracefully and inserts a quarter page this week which will be read with interest. He writes:—"Your paper certainly has the pulling power as at least 85 per cent. of my customers mention your publication."

From a letter just at hand from J. M. Bartels in expressing his approval of the new move we quote:—"For a number of years the two principal German advertising papers have declined any advertisement which quoted a catalog price in conjunction with an offer. They will not accept an adv. which states that approval selections are sent out at 40 per cent. or any other percentage off of Senf."

It is a very opportune time for the WEEKLY to take this advance step, and we believe that it will mean a great deal for the welfare of stamp collecting.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

MEXICAN REVOLUTIONARY ISSUES.

Business houses, banks and railroad officials who have served us in buying supplies at various postoffices have repeatedly reported that the postoffice officials have refused to sell them stamps when it was known that they were to be sent away to a stamp dealer in a foreign country, insisting that their supplies were needed at home for postal purposes. Indeed, some offices have refused to sell stamps at all, when their supplies were low, requiring that letters be brought to the postoffice and stamps attached to them in the presence of the officials.

Postage Due Stamps continue to be used for the prepayment of postage wherever supplies of these stamps exist, and the current issue Mexican revenue stamps which, without the talon, are very similar in appearance to the Denver issue, are frequently used for postage in emergency in various places. In Monterey the overprint was applied.

Among all the Mexican provisionals there has been no taint of fraud or irregularity, as near as we can judge, except that which has appeared in connection with a man who is alleged to be a fugitive postmaster from Mexico, who is now located in Arizona, across the border. This party is sending out batches of fraudulently cancelled Mexican stamps, using postoffice utensils, which, it is alleged, have been stolen from Mexican postoffices. Newspaper accounts of the difficulties which arose between officials that were put in power by the Villa government and which were not recognized by Carranza, gave the information that when the Carranza postmasters decamped, they took all the postoffice supplies with them.

Letters written on official postal stationery, which originated either in Hermosillo or Nogales, accompanied by consignments of fraudulent provisionals, have been sent out freely to stamp collectors and dealers from Nogales, Arizona. In reply to two of these letters, which were sent to us, we wrote the following letter, which is explanatory in itself:—

SR FRANCISCO O. Y. ROCHA,
Nogales, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the two attached memos, I have to advise you that the envelopes

bearing postage stamps with fraudulent cancellations are absolutely worthless, and I have returned to you both parcels, which were sent unsolicited.

Stamps that have not been regularly passed through the mail do not interest me, and I am advised that you are a refugee from your native country and hold the postoffice cancellation stamps without authority. Therefore, these stamps are frauds and your acts would be considered criminal. I am charitable enough, however, to believe that you do not understand the grave nature of the offense in which you are participating, and advise you to discontinue the circulation of these fraudulent envelopes. You will certainly come to grief if you continue to use the United States mails for fraudulent purposes, as this is what the circulation of this rubbish on approval amounts to.

I am open to buy genuine copies of the Mexican Revolutionary surcharges, Sonora issues, present as well as the re-issues, or bona-fide old issues, but they must be unused and above suspicion, or have had bona-fide postal use. The rubbish which you are sending out is disgraceful.

Yours truly,
C. H. MEKEEL.

The following are two of the impressions made on bogus covers sent out by Rocha:—



Danish West Indies

5b green, No. 31	.....	\$0.02
10b red, No. 32	.....	.03
20b red and blue, No. 33	.....	.05
25b ultramarine, No. 34	.....	.08
40b red and grey, No. 35	.....	.15
50b yellow and grey, No. 36	.....	.20
5b red and grey, No. 105	.....	.02
20b red and grey, No. 10606
30b red and grey, No. 10710
50b red and grey, No. 10812

ALL FINE USED COPIES.

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NEW CANAL ZONE

Yes, we have the New Canal Zone Commemoratives.

They are offered in the New England Stamp Monthly for March 20th, which prints also the order to postmasters limiting the sale. Send 12c for a year's subscription—just the cost of postage.

New England Stamp Co.

12 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.
(Established 1893)

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in superb condition Edwards and Georges up to 10sh and £1 also unused 19th and 20th Century Br. Colonies and U. S. are the special feature in our

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Catalogues ready shortly. Are you on our Mailing List?

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BRITISH GUIANA, 96 CENTS, 1914

White Back, \$2 Each
All other White Backs in stock.
Want Lists Solicited. [tf]
J. A. GALBRAITH, 16 Beaver St., N. Y. City.

For Condition, These Are BARGAINS

1902 \$2 mint, finely centered..... \$2.25
1902 \$5 mint, finely centered..... 5.40
1902 13c block of 4, mint..... .72

We want you to try our APPROVALS. They contain RARE STAMPS in fine condition at big discounts. Please give us a ref. [tf]

CHAMPLAIN STAMP CO.

P. O. DRAWER 61, TROY, N. Y.

THE PHILATELIC VALUE OF A DOLLAR BILL

(Continued from last week)
Chapter XVI.—Nos. 2800, 2, 3, 8, 9, 2810, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 2821, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, all for\$1.00

Chapters XVI to XXV consist of revenue stamps only, all in good condition.

All U. S. revenues, Scott's numbers.

SPECIAL—ONE HUNDRED DIFFERENT U. S., no cards, TEN CENTS!

S. & H. STAMP CO., Rome, N. Y.

The Eastern dealers who are handling these things have probably been deceived as to the character of the rubbish.



The above is a Rocha fraud. The Sonora revenue stamps were not authorized for use for postal purposes at any time and the postmarked copies now being offered to the trade are rank frauds.

Rocha is sending out stamps of Mexico, early issues absolutely void for postage purposes, as well as 1910 issue, overprinted "E. S." in monogram. We advise caution, as other correspondents in the State of Sonora tell us that this overprint is not in use there.—Stamp Exchange Bulletin.

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11,500 varieties specially prepared to meet the needs of small and medium sized collections. Net prices 1/2c up.

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G. W. MATTHEWS

MADISON, INDIANA.

GERMAN COLONIALS

We have just bought a very fine collection of these interesting stamps, the collection is almost complete in used and unused copies of all issues and very strong in German stamps used in the Colonies before the separate sets were issued, also many fine covers.

Want lists will be filled at reasonable prices on receipt of A1 reference.

H. W. DOSCHER & CO.,

217 Montgomery St. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

SOME MORE CUT SQUARES

The following are all unused, with large margins and in prime condition. Whoever cut them square ought to be ashamed of himself. However we have secured the lot, and they are yours at very low prices. Scott's numbers: 1350, (15c); 1407, (5c); 1429, (3c); 1479, (15c); 1486, (5c); 1487, (8c); 1488, (10c); 1490, (5c); 1491, (5c); 1492, (10c); 1510, (4c); 1512, (5c); 1514, (5c); 1547, (1c); 1549, (3c); 1554, (2c); 1558, (3c); 1563, (10c); 1569, (10c); 1580, (2c); 1597, (3c); 1619, (8c); 1713, (2c); 1732, (2c); 1872, War Wrappers, (15c).

A good chance to replace those cancelled ones in your collection. Postage extra. [65] J. HAUSSELMAN, ABSECON, N. J.

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For 15 years we have made a specialty of approvals. Today we believe we have one of the finest series of non-duplicating books for the average collector to be found anywhere. See what you get before buying and if you mean business send for a selection, telling us what you want.

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W. C. PHILLIPS & CO., Glastonbury, Conn.

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If your name has never been on our mailing list or you can get a name new to our mailing list you may have one of the following premiums.

10 weeks 10c and Your Choice

Leaflet describing and illus. U. S. env. 1853-1910 Packet of 50 different U. S. Stamps.

Hayti 1904, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c.... catalog .50

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*Denmark 1907, 10 to 1k, 8 var., "Avisporto" .20

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Asiatic packet, 50 all different.

Animal packet 20 all different, some unused.

New Zealand, 20 all different.

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*Col. Repub. (Medellin) '02, 10c, 20c, 50c .27

Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c..... .1c

Japan 1908, 5 yen green..... " .18

Tunis 1906, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 35c.... " .27

*Costa Rica '89, 1c to 1p..... " .22

*Hayti '98, Unp. 2, 5, 10c..... " .23

1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms..... " .23

205 all different foreign stamps.

105 " U. S. Stamps..... " .38

*Arequipa '81, 10c (No. 7)..... " .18

*Salvador '97, 1c, 5c four colors..... " .24

*'93, 2p, 5p..... " .75

*Nicaragua '69, 5c black..... " .75

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Any book advertised by us at 25c or less.

300 all diff. foreign. A nice collection.

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Paraguay set of 15 different stamps.

France, 50 different, nice collection..... " .50

*Bollivar 1879, 5c imperf. pair..... " .77

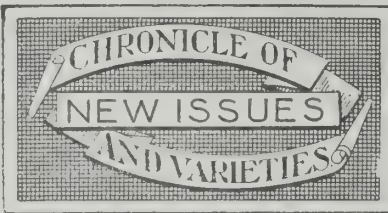
Labuan '97, 1c to 24c, 9 var..... " .89

*Salvador 1911 Official, Nos. 793-800..... " .89

Two Thousand Peelable Stamp Hinges.

Please Note.—When you have had the WEEKLY ten weeks, six months, or a year, don't try to pull a premium when you send a renewal. Our premiums are intended to get new names for our mailing list and if your name has ever been on our mailing list, these offers are not for you!

Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Co., Boston, Mass.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

BRITISH GUIANA.—From J. A. Galbraith we have received a specimen copy of the 96c with white back. Mr. Galbraith writes us that he has been on the hunt for this stamp for fourteen months.

CANAL ZONE.—We are indebted to Emil J. Rall for a set of the new stamps issued to commemorate the opening of the Canal. There are four values in the set, four stamps of the Panama set being taken for a Canal Zone overprinting. The 1c shows a relief map of the Canal; the 2c, Balboa "taking possession"; the 5c, the Gatun Locks, and the 10c, the Culebra Cut. The overprinting is in blue in two lines reading upwards. The set is a very attractive one.

Gerald D. Bliss also sends us a set of these commemoratives on cover, which was mailed at Cristobal March 1, the day that the stamps were first placed on sale.

H. F. Christiansen sends us a copy of the 2c.

Adhesives.

- 1c green and black.
- 2c carmine and black.
- 5c blue and black.
- 10c yellow and black.

INDIA.—Arthur Russell shows us a cover from Bombay, India, which has a rubber stamp notice on the face reading "Passed Censor—Bombay," while on the reverse is a large white label with British Arms and the legend, "Opened by Censor."

MEXICO.—By courtesy of S. B. Hopkins, we are able to give a list of the entire of the Monterrey issues. The overprinting consists of the words "Gobierno Constitucionalista" rubber stamped in two lines.

Envelopes.

- 2c green on white.
- 5c orange on white.
- 1c violet and lilac on manila.

Post Cards.

- 1c violet and lilac on cream.
- 1+1c violet and lilac on cream (reply).
- 2c green on cream.
- 2+2c green on cream (reply).
- 4c carmine on cream.
- 4+4c carmine on cream (reply).

Letter Cards.

- 2c green on cream.
- 5c orange on cream.
- 2+2c green on cream (reply).
- 5+5c orange on cream (reply).

In the 2c envelope and 1c and 2c regular postcards, there is a variety, the first "T" of the overprinting being omitted.

NORTHWEST PACIFIC.—The Australian Stamp Journal states:

"Japan having intimated her desire to transfer the Marshall and Caroline Islands, etc., to the Imperial Authorities, Colonel S. A. Pethebridge, C. M. G., recently Secretary to the Minister for Defence for Australia, has been appointed 'Australian Commissioner for the Pacific,' with jurisdiction over the islands above referred to, and has sailed for the north, taking with him, we understand, a supply of Australian stamps (mostly kangaroos) overprinted 'North West Pacific.' We have not yet seen the stamps, nor can we say what denominations will be issued; but we understand that sufficient stock has been taken up to meet all likely requirements, even comprising those of collectors and dealers."

PANAMA.—Gerald D. Bliss has sent us the new commemoratives just issued. There are eight values, all large, a horizontal oblong in shape, 22 mm. wide and 33 mm. long for the 1/2c, 2 1/2c and 20c

ANNOUNCEMENT!

In pursuance of the policy of this publication in eliminating "big discount" advertisements, I have decided to withdraw my offer of 60-10% and substitute a PROFIT SHARING plan.

My experience as a stamp dealer has taught me at least two things:—

FIRST: Stamps can hardly be sold profitably at ANY discount to the man who keeps them for two or three months and then buys 50c worth or less.

SECOND: Stamps CAN be sold with considerable profit at a discount of 50% to the man who returns them in 10 days or less, and that the amount of profit increases in proportion to the amount of the sale.

I am willing to SHARE the increased profit with the buyer who is prompt, and "WE WILL BOTH GAIN."

LOGIC

Major Premise: Procrastination is the thief of time.

Minor Premise: Time is money.

Conclusion: Procrastination costs money.

I can interest the general collector—the one who likes to see his collection grow, and who likes good stamps nicely arranged on clean sheets.

THE PRICE DEPENDS UPON YOU

Good commercial reference please.

D. M. WARD

222 TANEY STREET,

GARY, IND.

and 35 mm. long for the other values. All values are in two colors. The frames are in the strong simple engraving of the current American Bank Note Co. work. The inscriptions read the same on all values, "Republica de Panama—Correos" at the top and the value at the bottom. "Exposicion de Panama 1915" appears on the 1/2c, 2c, 2 1/2c, 3c and 20c values. This last inscription does not appear on the 1c, 5c and 10c values, but "Canal de Panama 1915" is printed instead. The stamps are printed on white unwatermarked paper, perforated 12. Frank M. Mason, the New England Stamp Co. and the Sterling Stamp Co. have also shown us these stamps and H. F. Colman has sent us a set. It was provided in the official order that only 100 stamps of each variety should be sold to a single purchaser. This order applies to non-residents of Panama and the Canal Zone. An effort is made to give all buyers an equal chance to buy them.

Adhesives.

- 1c dark olive and black; "Salto de la Chorrera."
- 1c green & black; map of Panama Canal.
- 2c carmine and black; "Balboa Tomando Posesion del Oceano Pacifico."
- 2+2c brown orange and black; "Catedral de la Antigua, Panama."
- 3c purple and black; "Palacio de Artes."
- 5c blue and black; "Exclusas de Gatun."
- 10c orange and black; "Corte de Culebra."
- 20c brown and black; "Arco de Santo Domingo."

Elsewhere in this issue we picture a complete set of the Panama stamps.

RIO DE ORO.—A new series of stamps dated "1914" has also been issued for this country, the design being the same as for Spanish Guinea described below.

Adhesives.

- 1c sepia.
- 2c claret.
- 5c green.
- 10c red.
- 15c red brown.
- 20c carmine.
- 25c blue.
- 30c dark green.
- 40c orange brown.
- 50c chocolate.
- 1p brown.
- 4p rose.
- 10p lilac.

AUCTION SALE

APRIL 2nd, 7.30 P. M.

APRIL 3rd, 2 P. M.

Sale of a fine Collection containing the following countries nearly complete: Antigua, Argentine, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Cape Good Hope, Cayman Is., Congo, Crete, Egypt, Grenada, Hongkong, Newfoundland, New Zealand, and St. Helena; the property of an estate. Also a good representation of the balance of the world, both 19th and 20th Century, will be sold without reserve by S. T. Freeman & Co., in their rooms. Catalogs may be had from

A. E. TUTTLE

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Send for my Price List of

British Colonies WHITE BACKS

CHAS. S. OSGOOD, SALEM, MASS.

When writing advertisers please say:—
"Saw your advertisement in Mekeel's Weekly."

ST. VINCENT.—J. A. Galbraith informs us that the remaining stock of the 1sh green Scott's No. 112 was in January surcharged 1d. We do not know the form of the surcharge nor the number issued.

SPANISH GUINEA.—Maury's Collectionneur gives the values and colors of the new series announced recently. The design shows a small oval with portrait of King Alphonse XIII facing to the left, surmounted by a crown with a curved ribbon below with name of the Colony. The value appears in the upper corners and the date, "1914" in a tablet at the bottom.

Adhesives.

- 1c lilac.
- 2c rose.
- 5c green.
- 10c vermilion.
- 15c black brown.
- 20c dark brown.
- 25c blue.
- 30c orange.
- 40c green.
- 50c carmine.
- 1c orange.
- 4c red brown.
- 10c black.

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This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell, or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world. RATE.—20c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for \$7.50, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the widespread scattering of approval selections.

6000 var. at 66 2/3% disc. J. L. WOLFF, 717 Maryland Av., Milwaukee, Wis. [tf]

Do You Use Wolsieffer's Approval Cards? [tf]

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25 different British Colonials to applicants for approval selections who send 2c postage. C. E. NICKLES, 122 Florida Ave., Washington, D.C. [tf]

Join the S. P. A. Greatest benefits: lowest cost. Write for blank. C. V. Webb, Sec., D 6, Perry, O. [tf]

Samples "Glassine" Paper and "Thin" Hinges for 2c stamp. A. W. DUNNING, Brookline, Mass. [tf]

Illustrated album, 100 vars., 250 hinges 5c. WRIGHT, 208a Tyndale, Roslindale, Mass. [tf]

100 British Col. and 1000 For., 20c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N.Y. [tf]

Idle hour mixture of foreign stamps. 1,000 and an unused South American cat. \$3 all for 20c postpaid. MILLARD CO., 325 W. Ferry, Detroit, Mich. [tf]

"BC" Approvals speak for themselves. [tf]

If you like to receive clean attractive approvals with bargains on them send today for mine. You can fill scores of spaces in that al-um of yours at a small cost. H. W. LITTEN, Rock Island, Ill. [tf]

105 China &c. stp. dictionary, list, 2c. 1915 cat. str. of world. 12c. Album Mfrs., stp. importers. Agts. 50%. A. Bullard Co., Sta. A14, Boston. [73]

Send for my foreign appr. selections. 50% discount. Ref. please. A. VERCELLOTTI, 908 So. Ottawa St., Joliet, Ill. [65]

20th Cent. Approval Cards—none better—samples and prices for 5c. M. D. OLMSTEAD, Box 3, Concord, N. H. [64]

Peru 1907-8, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c. .06
Jamaica, No. 36 (8c); No. 53, scarce, .07
New Zealand, No. 93 (6c); No. 136, .03
W. W. DAYTON, Nashotah, Wis. [tf]

Precancels wanted for cash or exchange. Check list of same 50c. ROBT. WEBER, Galeton, Pa. [tf]

Mexico 1910, 50c. .10
Mexico 1910, 1 peso. .17
Mexico 1910, 20c Official, scarce, .12
HOWARD W. BLAKE, Bx. 855, Norfolk, Va. [tf]

The American Philatelic Society. Largest national philatelic society in the world. Dues \$1.80, includes "The American Philatelist," use of Sales Dept., etc. Over 4000 books in circulation last year, sales \$9,855. Address, WM. E. AULT, Sec'y, Chestnut and Walnut Sts., Jeffersonville, Ind. [tf]

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My specialty 1/2c and 1c approvals. Cat. value up to 20c. NORVAL L. NUEBLING, 1616 East Virginia St., Evansville, Indiana.

Write for special lists of single stamps. GEORGE T. SIMPSON, 433 Pearl St., Buffalo, New York.

Brazil 1906 set, 10r to 300r, 5c; 400r, 3c; 500r, 4c; 700r, 7c; 1000r, 7c; 2000r, 10c. A1 approvals. W. F. FERGUSON, 280 4th Av., New York. [tf]

Cuba Special Delivery free to approval applicants. ELMER SMITH, Pontoosuc, Ill. *

Free 10 diff. stamps cat. 50c to appl. for our 1c net apps. Ref. CENTRAL STAMP CO., 1019 E. 12 St., Brooklyn, New York.

New Canal Zone unused, 1, 2, 5, 10c for 22c post free, or 20c if with order to A. C. R. S. N. subscribers.

"BC" Approvals—Stamps you'll be proud of. [tf]

Stamps at a cent. Best you ever saw. Ref. required. Prohaska, 121 Hutton, Jersey City, N.J. [tf]

For 4c! Set of 15 Austria Jubilee to each applicant for "Klein Line" approvals at 66 2/3% discount. Reference req. Premiums. HERBERT KLEIN, 3910 Botanical Ave., St. Louis, Mo. [tf]

Salvador unused Nos. 1 & 2, cat. .11, only .04
Salvador unused 793 to 800, cat. .80, only .20
Salvador unused 1914 Official Provisional 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 50 & 100c, scarce set .45
JOHN M. LONG, 67 Pub. Sq., Watertown, N.Y. [tf]

See A. O. Durland's ad. Mekeel's Weekly Mar. 6. [tf]

Dealers! Get our latest wholesale list, just off the press. HOME STAMP CO., 3524 Frederick Ave., Baltimore, Md. [tf]

Send me as large a want list as possible and what money you can spare and you receive a fine bargain. SILAS CHAPMAN, JR., 102 Pearl St., Hartford, Conn. [tf]

Boys! Look What's Here!
One thousand stamps cat. from 1c to ten and over for twenty-five cents.
GEO. LIDEN, 1416 Adams St. N. E., Minneapolis, Minn. [65]

Free 3 Newfoundland 1898 with request for my profit sharing approvals. Something new. Card for particulars. JOHN G. BASSLER, Madison, Wis. [64]

Have you anything to buy, sell or exchange? This column only 20c per line.

Mexican Rebel.—Denver issue, 1, 2, 3, 5. Transitorio 5c perf., 1, 2, 5 rouletted, 5c green seal, and 1, 2, 5, and 10c Maytoreno (last four unused), and 5c perf. Transitorio on cover for 50 cents. ROBINSON STAMP & COIN CO., 4623 Vincennes Ave., Chicago. [tf]

Will exch. practically unused ICC stenography course, cost \$75, for stamp collection. Want \$30 cash or other offers of equal value. R. R. MORRIS, 342 Hamilton, Norfolk, Va.

Try my 1c App. Books. I pay postage both ways. F. L. Thrasher, Macedon, N. Y.

"BC" Approvals—Satisfied Customers. [tf]

100 Diff. U. S. Post., 50c. Very fine. Prospect Stamp Co., 707 Vanderbilt Av., Bklyn, N.Y.

If you need blank approval books see Bushnell's adlet last week. [F2]

Exchange: Book of the Ohio Flood Disaster, for 35 cents catalog basis Scott. Only stamps listed 3 cents or more accepted.
H. P. HUSOM,
Box 134, Laramie, Wyoming.

Siam Nos. 11 and 12, 9c. Siamese on approval. Reference, please. BERT DEGRUSH, 49 Withington St., Dorchester, Mass.

Japan—1913, unwatermarked, set of 10, 1/4s to 25s complete, 27c. MRS. L. KELLOGG, West Hartford, Conn.

Send for list of cheap packets. Approvals at attractive discounts with reference. LEXINGTON STAMP CO., Baltimore, Md. [tf]

"BC" Approvals—SHOLLEY, 3846 Thomas Av. So., Minneapolis, Minn. [tf]

Hawaii. If you care for the postage or revenue stamps, envelopes, post cards or stamp literature of this country don't fail to write me. C. F. RICHARDS, Box 77, Grand Central P. O., New York.

Austria 7h, 12h Charity 12c, used. .20
Germany surch. Belgium 3, 5, 10, 25c. .18
Guatemala '02*, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c, o.g., cat. 18, .06
Salvador 1906*, Nos. 336-348, o.g., cat. 1.65, .75
Salvador 1906*, Nos. 751-760, o.g., cat. 2.46, 1.10
The above 7 sets only 2.20
C. SEIDENBERG, Beecher, Ill.

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PANAMA ISSUE STATISTICS.

We are indebted to Emil J. Rall and Gerald D. Bliss for the *Canal Record* of March 3, from which we quote:

"Postage stamps of a special issue, commemorative of the opening of the Panama Canal, were placed on sale at the Canal Zone post-offices on Monday, March 1. These stamps are part of the special 1915 issue of the Republic of Panama. In accordance with the Executive Order of December 3, 1904, the government of Panama furnishes the stamps for the Canal Zone postal service and receives for them 40 per cent. of the face value. The government of Panama ordered and placed on sale, eight kinds of stamps, aggregating 7,500,000 pieces, of which the Canal Zone postal service requested an issue of 350,000 surcharged "Canal Zone." These 350,000 stamps, consisting of 100,000 each of one, two, and five-cent stamps, and 50,000 10-cent stamps, have been distributed among the Canal Zone post-offices in proportion to their stamp sales for the month of January, 1915."

Mr. Bliss sends an additional word:—"It might be of interest to note the spelling of title on the five-cent, 'Exclusas de Gatun,' there being no such word in the Spanish dictionary. The proper spelling for the equivalent of 'Locks' being 'Esclusas.' As far as known to the writer, the entire issue appears with the incorrect spelling."

HYBRIDS.

To THE EDITOR:—

Many people collect a certain class of stamps which are, at best, but hybrids. These stamps serve a double purpose—that of either revenue or postage stamps, depending entirely upon the use to which they have been put. While they have not been put to either of the uses for which they were intended they are neither fish nor fowl, as they assume the character of either postage or revenue stamps only after they are cancelled—the cancellation giving them their true status.

How many collectors of the above class of stamps would include in their collections unsurcharged revenue stamps of other countries which had not actually done postal service. None, I warrant. Then why should an uncanceled British or British colonial stamp receive any greater consideration than any other revenue stamp.

The ways of collectors are really wonderful and this stand on their part can be attributed only to the idiosyncrasies of the cult.

I have seen many collections with a good showing of uncanceled British and British colonies, but in none have I seen under the provisional issues of Peru. No. 11 of Ancachs uncanceled (catalogued by Scott at \$10.00) as they consider it but a revenue stamp. In this contention, they are quite right, yet they do not discriminate against the stamps under consideration.

AL. DE LA TORRE BUENO.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—A. C. Roessler informs us that a new Belgian Red Cross issue is being made in London.

—S. B. Hopkins, who has been using an inch space, offering for sale the Constitutionalist stamps of Mexico, reports excellent results. Mr. Hopkins expects to be a regular from now on.

—The annual banquet of the Collectors' Club of N. Y. City was held at Healy's, Wednesday evening, March 10, some seventy-five being in attendance. The occasion was a very successful one in every way.

—Will some of our dealer friends look over their card index and send us the address of George H. Phillips? We shall be greatly obliged to them for so doing.

—An exhibition of stamps will be given by the members of the Hill Top Y. M. C. A. Stamp Club, Pittsburgh, Pa., March 19 and 20, from 7 to 10 P. M. All collectors in Pittsburgh and others interested are invited to attend.

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J. Harvard Greig, the leader of the stamp club, informs us that the club is over two years old and is composed of boys from thirteen to eighteen years of age. Meetings are held every two weeks, with talks and exhibits by philatelists and others. The club has twenty-five active members, all of whom are members of the Y. M. C. A.

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Boston, March 10, 1915.

RUBIAT PHILATELIQUE.

By KARL A. PEMBER.

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A garret lined with chests in many a row
Well filled with letters of 'be long ago,
No one to bother you the whole day through;
Ah, garret then were paradise enow.

Before the lot's looked over one by one
Methought a Brattleboro! "Millbury"!
or some

Such rarity might come to light!—
Alas!
Just three-cent-greens I find when all is done.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

A "DIFFERENT" U. S. COLLECTION.

United States is by far the most popular country among collectors on this side of the world, therefore, it is proper that we consider a "different" United States collection as the first subject in this series. This particular collection is not as highly specialized as many, and in many respects is like an ordinary U. S. collection. There are probably many collectors who gather their stamps in the same way. It is not the intention to go into detail on the various hair-splitting minor varieties that can be found on careful search. These little differences go to make the hobby attractive to some collectors, and therefore they may be commended, but the average collector is uninterested in guide dots and hair lines. Therefore, while reference will often be made to these differences, let the collector feel free to gather or discard them as he chooses.

The collection in question is the result of several years' work and represents a considerable out-lay of money. It is the property of a prominent Southern collector who wishes his name withheld. The collection, which is of U. S. and colonies only, is contained in five loose leaf volumes, and the pages are hand-lettered and designed with great care. While the average collector will find it unnecessary to use as expensive albums as this collector uses, let me urge every collector using a blank album to use, all the possible care in designing and lettering the book. A poorly lettered page is far worse than a page without any lettering whatever. For a small sum a hand-book on lettering can be obtained which will give alphabets and rules for this work. For the collector without any artistic ability, let me suggest the use of a typewriter on his pages.

Commencing with the 1847 issue of U. S., the collection contains used copies in very fine condition. Of the five cent, there are red, blue and green cancellations. There are also two covers bearing the stamps. The lettering gives full information concerning the stamps, such as date of issue, manufacturer's name, information concerning the government reprints. This information can be obtained from nearly any of the hand-books on U. S. stamps or from certain of the catalogues.

The 1851-7 issue contains canceled copies of the various types of these stamps, including a few pairs and strips, a block of four of the 1c and 3c imperforate, and some single copies showing the different cancellations. The latter are chiefly 3c stamps and can be obtained at the expense of more labor in hunting for them than money. The varieties of type are illustrated, being drawn from the enlarged illustrations in the hand-book. There are several covers of this issue. Throughout the entire collection, the dates and other data are lettered.

The grilled issues are distinguished, and a reproduction of a grill has been copied from the hand-book. Various odd cancellations, pairs, shades and covers go to represent these issues. The reasons for the use of the grill are explained, also full information concerning same.

The 1869 issue is well represented with beautiful used singles, including a few shades and cancellations, also a block of four of the 3c and several pairs and strips. The full particulars of the series are outlined, giving the non-collector an insight into the reasons for the issue.

The 1870-9 issues contain a beautiful assortment of shades, also the double paper and cog wheel varieties, as well as pairs, strips and blocks, and one or two covers. Full details are written up. The secret marks are plainly illustrated by enlarged drawings, and arrows point

to the section of the stamp containing the mark. Also the differences in hard and soft paper are described as accurately as possible.

Commencing with the 1880 issues, the collection includes a superb block of four unused of nearly all of the stamps, as well as the used copies and shades, strips and cancellation varieties. These blocks of four certainly add materially to the beauty of the collection, as well as to the value. There are so many collectors interested in this form of collecting that a block of four of many of the old issues is worth many times the price of four single copies. However, back of 1880 blocks are very scarce and it is practically impossible to complete even the more common values in blocks, certainly without the expenditure of a vast amount of money.

The 1890 issue is represented by a splendid assortment of shades, both in blocks and used singles and strips. The 1894 issue is collected along the same lines. Enlarged sketches illustrate the various triangle differences, and add greatly to the attractiveness of the collection from a non-collector's point of view. The 1895 issue is illustrated with tracing of the watermark found on this series, and contains the usual array of stamps.

The Exposition series of 1893 and 1898 are fully explained, and the stamps themselves are tastefully arranged to please the eye. The 1898 series in the new colors are represented by one of the finest assortment of shades of used copies I have ever seen. This particular set makes a fine example of what can be done with cheap stamps, for none of these are rare used and all can be obtained for a very few cents. Whereas, the set ordinarily would create no sensation as it is common, when it is viewed in all its various shades, ranging from light to dark, it is an exhibit out of the ordinary, even though the entire lot would scarcely cost a half dollar. The use of pairs and strips help to increase the beauty of the pages.

The Buffalo set of 1901 is also strong in beautiful shades, especially among the blocks. These cost considerably more money than the other set, but a wonderful display can be made of used copies with a little search, and less money.

The 1902 and 1908 issues contain a choice assortment of unused blocks, including shades, also used blocks and shades lightly canceled, as well as pairs, strips, and combinations on pieces of cover, such as a 2c and 13c, a 4c and 8c, a 50c and 5c, and other odd values. There are nearly three hundred stamps in the two sets, mostly used, and the entire display cost but very little. All are fine copies and are found only after considerable search.

The Exposition series of 1904, 1907 and 1909, are featured along the same lines as the other issues. These stamps are still more or less common and a vast number of shades and oddities in the form of pairs, strips, etc., can be obtained without much effort or expense.

The current issues are even more extensively featured, and include several pages of precanceled stamps, a nice collection of the different style cancellations in use at the present time, odd combinations, especially of the 7c, 9c and the other new values. With a little patient effort, every collector could probably duplicate this assortment without the expenditure of a dollar, or at least make a collection as good.

The imperforates are featured by unused blocks of four, showing the intersection of the guide lines, the arrow varieties, ordinary unlined varieties, also used blocks and pairs. Full information concerning the issue of these

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Mr. C. G. Eckman was proposed for membership and duly elected.

A proposed amendment to the constitution providing for semi-monthly instead of monthly meetings, to be held on first and third Fridays of each month, was submitted and will be voted on at the next meeting, on April 2.

Two annual subscriptions to the *Collectors' Journal* donated by Mr. H. L. Lindquist were won by Messrs. S. L. Irvine and C. G. Eckman.

Arrangements were made for a contest to be held at the April meeting for a design for a club badge or emblem. Each member is urged to submit an idea for such an emblem, and the one who submits the design accepted by the club will be awarded a valuable prize, to be donated by Mr. O. E. Stark.

An informal auction was held after the meeting, which included several lots donated to the club by Messrs. F. S. Parmelee and John Benson. The exhibition for the evening was Mr. O. E. Stark's collection of China and Corea.

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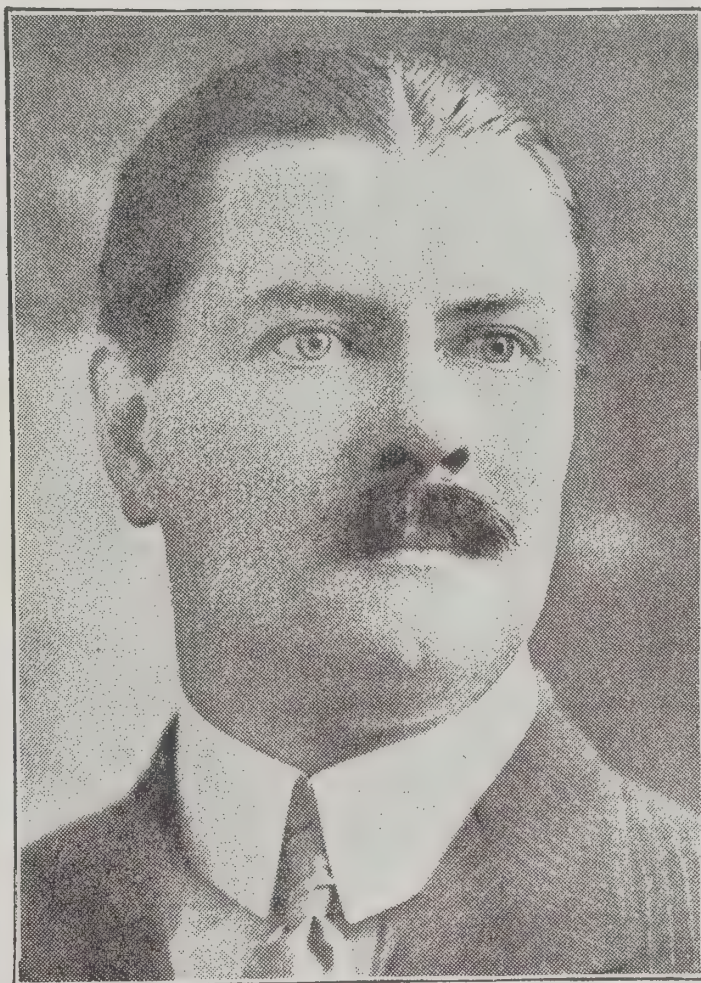
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Costa Rica	1907, 20c green & black*.....	.20	St. Pierre & Miquelon	1912 Prov., Nos. 95 to 100E*. Com. set of 11 var.....	.96	47	Turks Is.	1905, 5c on half of ½g, No. 54*.....	.60	.19	Venezuela	1903, 50c red*, No. 184, scarce.....	..	.50
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THE GOVERNMENT COLLECTION.

We find in the Washington Star the following story that will be of interest to every philatelist. While a rather belated recognition of philately and the merit and value of our government collection, the work done is a movement in the right direction and there will be general satisfaction that Mr. Leavy has done so well the work assigned him. We thank the "Star" for the courtesy extended in the loan of plates.

One of the finest museum collections of postage stamps in the world is owned by the United States government. The public is now, for the first time, given the privilege of viewing these stamps in tabulated and orderly form. Their arrangement in brand-new mahogany cases of most modern construction has about been completed by Joseph B. Leavy, the government philatelist, and they now form a permanent exhibit of the division of history of the National Museum.

The work of tabulation and arrangement has occupied over a year of Mr. Leavy's time. The stamps had long been stored away in the archives of the post office, neglected and without attention, and to him fell the stupendous task of sorting and identifying them, and to him must go the credit for having suggested the novel cases in which they are exhibited and the original method which was followed in their arrangement.

This \$200,000 collection is installed in the northwest court of the old building of the museum in the finest equipment of its kind in the world. Even the famous collection of the British Museum cannot boast of so modern and up-to-date an abode, and Mr. Leavy declares that the Berlin post office collection and the French government collection are poorly housed and miserably displayed when compared to the lavish and magnificent arrangement of the collection belonging to this country.

One of the advantages of this new installation is due to its position in an interior court, which is lighted entirely from overhead. No direct light ever falls upon the exhibits. Even in the late afternoon hours of dark winter days the artificial light is supplied from arc lights directly above the cabinets.

But the chief charm of the collection lies in the fact that the cabinets are so perfectly adapted to the use for which they were made that one can view the stamps easily and carefully without the fatigue of bending over to look into cases or through heavy folios.

The specimens are mounted on heavy white paper displayed on dark gray mats, and these are arranged in glass-covered frames which slide in and out of the cabinets. When the frames are pulled out the stamps are brought on a level with the eye, which admirably facilitates their inspection.

The four cabinets are each about six feet high, eight feet long and three feet deep. Each section contains seventy-four frames in a single row—a compact arrangement which insures simplicity to the locking system. Each frame is secured separately, however, so that even when the entire cabinet is unlocked it is not possible to remove a frame.

The foreign countries are arranged in alphabetical order, irrespective of geographical location, and where there are colonies or possessions, they are displayed in alphabetical order directly after the mother country in geographical sequence.

The headings are typewritten over the stamps on the mounting sheets and throughout the collection these give the date of issue, method of printing, where and by whom printed, watermark, perforation and if the issue is commemorative a note is made of the event commemorated.

In addition to the labels shown above the stamps a large chart will be attached to the end of each section of the cabinet giving the countries in alphabetical order and opposite the numbers of the frames which contain the countries' stamps. No time need be lost in locating any particular stamp in the entire cabinet.

Each country is divided into two sections, nineteenth and twentieth century issues and each section is separately installed, a feature which also serves

to simplify examination of the collection.

This collection is by no means complete; even from the United States issues a few of the stamps are missing. But even so, the history of the growth of the United States post office is practically reviewed as one examines the collection. The oldest specimens are those of the city issues of 1845—the first postmasters' provisionals in this country. These were issued five years after the birth of stamps in Great Britain. The dates bring the fact startlingly to mind that postage stamps have only been in use a little more than fifty years.

One of the gems of the collection is the display of 30-cent stamps of 1869 with inverted medallions. The 30-cent stamp is the rarest square of paper in the entire collection.

Among the twentieth century rarities are the stamps of 1909, printed on bluish paper; and the two-cent stamps of the Pan-American Commemorative issue of 1901 with inverted medallion.

The envelope section of the United States is nearly complete, and is probably the finest cut square collection in existence, all of the die varieties of the early Nesbitt issues being shown.

The commemorative series are intact. These include stamps of 1893, the Columbus celebration; 1898, the Trans-Mississippi exposition at Omaha; 1901, the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo; 1904, the Louisiana purchase; 1907, the Jamestown exposition; 1909, centenary of Lincoln's birth; 1909, the Hudson-Fulton celebration; 1909, the Alaska-Yukon exposition; 1915, Panama exposition.

"The value of stamps," said Mr. Leavy, who has been government philatelist since October, 1913, "is often determined queerly. A misprint or a recalled issue often brings up the value to an amazing figure. The intrinsic value of stamps, like anything else, is based upon supply and demand, and if collecting fell into disfavor many paper fortunes would vanish as quickly as when some stock market bubble bursts.

"We philatelists have come to believe that stamp collecting has grown out of the mania stage and arrived at the dig-

nified point where it may be alluded to as a science. For the advantages of stamp collecting are many. It carries with it an educative value that exceeds the value of a collection by itself."

THE ALBUM QUESTION.

By H. F. LAMB.

They say one can decide which of two roads is the better after trying both. During the past ten years I have made one or two fairly good collections. My first was in a Scott album, was a little discouraged at first in the no end of spaces to be filled, but went at it. Not long before a new edition came out with more work ahead, soon I gave up the idea of filling them all, and cut out many countries. Occasionally, getting a few blocks and pairs, I had no place to put them, so number two book was a good first class blank album. No longer was confronted with little squares calling for "Inverted centers" or larger ones for \$500. Revenues. Complaint frequently is made that one collection of stamps is like another. Quite true if one cares only for one specimen of a kind. To my mind the beauty of a collection consists first in perfect specimens either used or unused, and also its individuality.

In my U. S. book, I have in some cases twenty or more shaded stamps of a kind also pairs, blocks, various perforations and the like, adding quite considerably to its attractiveness.

Have now limited my collection to fifty countries, my idea being to bring them to as near completeness as possible.

ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS ACTIVE.

The Twin City Philatelic Society wants to call the attention of dealers and collectors to this young philatelic giant, now two years old with sixty members and a regular monthly attendance of thirty or more. The meetings this year under Jules Frelin, the president, are becoming of more and more interest. Papers on live subjects, short discussions, auction sales, and reviews keep the membership wideawake. Some two weeks ago one of the members, a specialist in U. S. proofs gave an illustrated talk on the die proofs of the Trans-Mississippi issue. At the next meeting there will be a talk on "Encased Postage Stamps."

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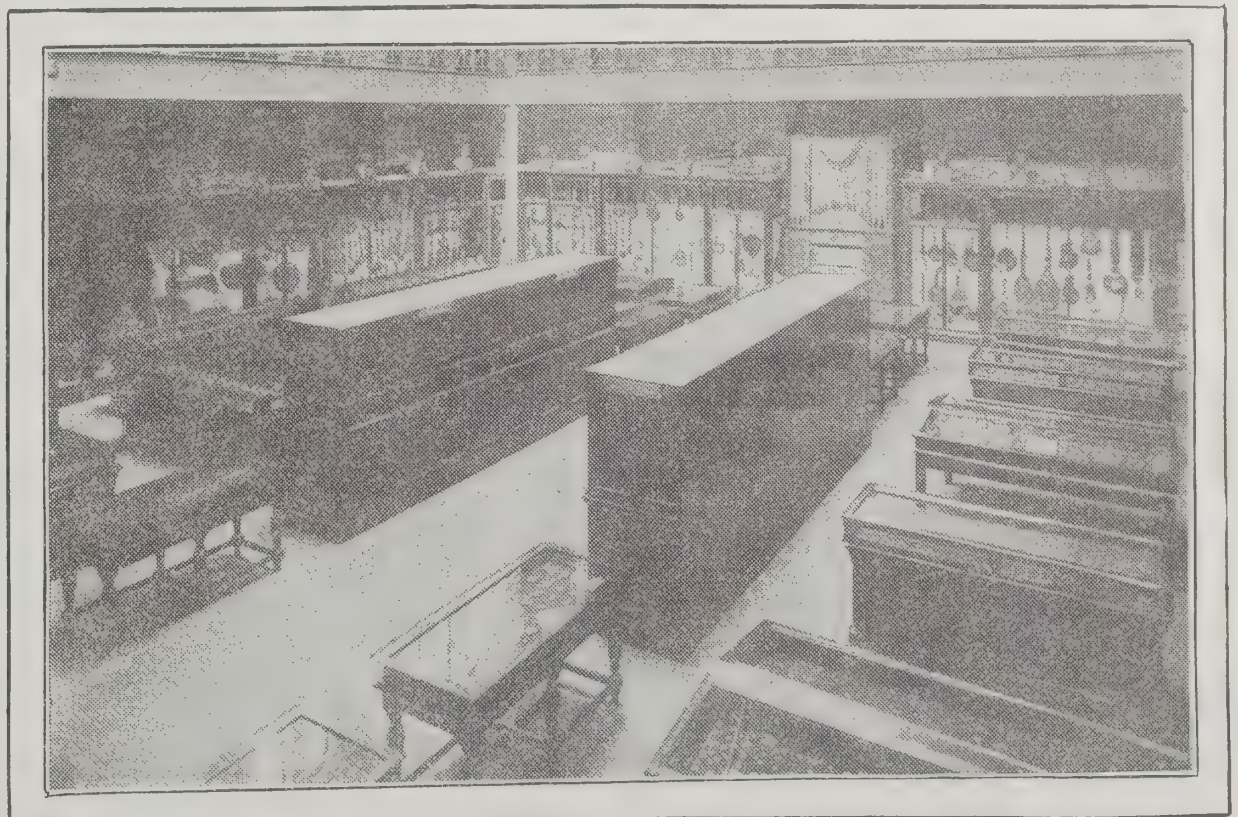
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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Arthur Berg and Herman Varas.

—M. Ohlman advises us that he can get no reply to letters sent one Clape, whose address is given as Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

—The Mount Royal (Montreal) Philatelic Society has been formed and meets twice each month at 522 Laval Ave. We wish the new society every success.

—"It may be of interest to you to learn that the Villa Government, throughout its territory, and lower California as well, has doubled the postal rate on all classes of mail. The local and foreign letter rate is now 10 centavos."—W. J. STANTON.

—"In regard to Documentary Rev. being used on Proprietary articles, as noted in Mar. 13 issue, will say nearly all chewing gum (stock on hand) last December, in Auburn, N. Y., had documentary revenues affixed, some 4c, but many had blocks of four one cent. Presumably no proprietary were to be had during the first days. Today, fresh

stocks of gum show the 4c black pre-cancelled."—FRANK H. KOON.

—"Here's a good joke. I was showing a friend a beautiful block of the Italian two lire stamp of 1879. He looked at it a moment and then said, 'But I thought you didn't collect dues?' 'I don't,' I replied, 'that's not a due stamp.' 'It is,' said he, 'it says, 'Lire due'!"—H. L. CLARK.

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The Managing Editor of the WEEKLY is now a collector. He has, however, had a dozen years as a dealer and is able to consider this matter from both standpoints. He believes that the new policy of the WEEKLY comes at a very opportune time. It is at the height of its prosperity as a newspaper and has an obligation resting upon it to uphold the dignity and maintain the prosperity of our hobby to the best of its ability.

No dealer can furnish any large number of desirable stamps at from 75 to 90% off catalog. He can furnish some good stamps no doubt at from 60 to 75% and there is rubbish including faked stuff that can easily be sold at 90%. It is not, however, a good business policy for the WEEKLY to allow one or more dealers to poison the minds of the

rank and file of the collecting public by intimating that good stamps can be purchased at such big discounts as we have named.

Replying to these two subscribers who have expressed a desire to protect the collector, we urged upon them the fact that we welcomed the advertising of any dealer who can name the stamps that he wishes to offer at the discounts under consideration, and it will not take the bargain hunter very long to connect with the stamps offered. Moreover, such stamps can be used as a medium for the opening of profitable business relations.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

STAMP NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

Whitfield King & Co. have received from a correspondent in Bucharest the current 5 and 10 bani stamps overprinted "Timbru de Ajutor," an inscription which indicates the use of the stamps in collecting funds in aid, presumably, of one of the war philanthropies.

News is to hand that the long set of seventeen Hungarian War Relief stamps issued in October and November last is sold out, and in place of them the current ordinary postage stamps of Hungary have received a similar overprint. So far, only the 1, 2, and 3 filler values have been reported here, but I have reckoned on the full set as being issued or in readiness for issue at an early date.

It has been reported several times that German stamps had superseded the separate issue for the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg. This, however, is not the case, and the Luxemburg stamps bearing a portrait of the young Grand Duchess continue in use. Six new denominations from 35c to 5f have been added to the series.—London Telegraph.

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Nicar. Zelaya 20c brn., No. 345, used 5.00 .60
Nicar. '06-7, Zelaya Nos. 354-5 mint 2.75 .40
Nicar. 1912, Nos. 295-300 comp., scarce set 4.03 1.35
Newfoundland 1896-1910, Nos. 55, 57, 87A & 88A mint 1.25 .35
So. Australia 1906-12, 3p olive grn., No. 14810 .05
Salvador '97, 50c purple, No. 169 mint 2.50 .25
Salvador 1906, Nos. 751-760 mint .24 .35
St. Christopher 4d gray, No. 14 mint .25 .10
Tasmania prov. 1p on 2p violet, No. 117 .10 .05
U.S. 2c car. triangle 2, No. 251 mint .50 .20
P. P. dues 1, 2, 5 & 10c used, fine25
Newfoundland well assorted per 100 40
British Colonials 500 var. mounted, fine 20th Cent. 1000 var. mounted fine, no reprints, cut squares, telegraphs, postals, or revenues 6.50
M. J. GANNON,
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WILLARD O. WYLIE, Business Mgr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of March, 1915.

FREDERICK B. BROWNING,

Justice of the Peace.

ADVANCED GROUND TAKEN.

Some few months ago the WEEKLY indicated to the trade that it must discontinue the acceptance of the advertising of stamps by the pound, and we are satisfied that this move was very welcome not only to our subscribers but to the trade generally.

Two weeks ago we followed up this step with another, our attention this time being directed toward the use of big catalog discounts as features in advertising. We became satisfied that a radical reform in this direction was necessary and we feel that we have done wisely in prohibiting the use of these discounts. A 50% discount is possible on a wide range of stamps, but the 75 to 90% discounts are very misleading. The new order of things has met with approval and our course is being generally commended.

We have one other matter in mind and this deals with the advertising of mixtures of a definite number of stamps

MARCH 29TH AUCTION SALE includes among other fine things, the following rarities: St. Louis 5c; 1851, 1c type III in used pair; 1869, 15c mint without grill; mint 1c and 2c Pan American inverts; mint State \$5, \$10, \$20 all dark green, evenly matched; wonderful mint Barbados blocks; Orange rarities, and superb used German Colonies. Catalogues now ready and sent free on request.

WAR ISSUES

Austria 7h and 12h charity \$0.12
Belgium 1c, 1c, 1c, 2c, 5c, 5c, 10c, cancelled Havre on cover30
Belgium red cross, Antwerp issue 5c, 10c, Havre issue, King Albert 5c, 10c, 20c, Allegory 10c65
France 15c red cross, surcharged08
France 15c red cross, second issue06
French Morocco, 15c red cross08
Germany surcharged Belgium 3c, 5c, 10c, 25c20
Indo China 15c red cross08
Madagascar 15c red cross08
Monaco 15c red cross08
Russia 2k, 4k, 8k, 11k25
SPECIAL: Austria Postage due 1911, 5 and 10 Kronen, fine used copies, Scott's Nos. 368 and 369, priced \$2 my price 40 cents
EUGENE KLEIN, 142 So. 15th Street, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

for a certain price. This advertising is so closely related to pound mixtures that it is difficult to distinguish between them. If mixtures are to be advertised it must be definitely stated just how many stamps there are in the mixture and a description given that will enable one to judge the exact contents of the mixture. "1000 U. S. stamps for 10c" or "1000 foreign stamps mixed 12c" are offerings that hereafter will be tabooed. Variety packets are O. K., but mixtures should not be advertised in a paper of our standing.

Dealers will please comply with the above. We desire to raise the standard of activities in stamp dealing to the highest level possible.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Cleveland has been the hub of the philatelic universe during the past week and those who were fortunate enough to participate in the festivities on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club feel that they have been favored almost beyond the telling. There is so much to relate about Cleveland's triumph that we shall await the more generous allotment of next week's news columns, so that the story may not be cramped for space. Here, it is enough to say that the celebration was comparable to the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society and was enjoyable in all its aspects.

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There was a large attendance of visitors to Cleveland; the local members were out in full numerical strength; there was an exhibition; a meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, at which an auction sale was held and Dr. Carroll Chase's wonderful collection of 1847, 1851 and 1857-60 issues of United States was shown; and there was a banquet as a grand finale. One could not easily conceive of a more admirable admixture of philatelic elements into a harmonious whole. Stamps were displayed in great number and variety. Besides Dr. Chase's collection, there were Mr. Wm. L. Stevenson's albums with his studies in the earlier issues of United States while sections of Mr. Worthington's collection were to be seen. In fact, stamps were out in force and many fine examples were shown and it is to be said that the issues of our own country monopolized the attention. The social side of the convocation was a pleasant feature and old intimacies were renewed and new ones established. All in all, the program was ideal.

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The benefits that the philatelist derives from attending a clearing-house for philatelic ideas are almost incalculable. One's knowledge of philately becomes the more embracing as there is no mistaking the evidence of the eye and as cuts of U. S. stamps are not available, the stamps themselves at occasions of the kind give first-hand information. It is doubtful, for instance, if anyone who was at Cleveland will ever forget the differences in the one cent 1851 type U. S. The stamps themselves are the best object lessons and when the obscure suggestions of the specimens are pointed out by a past master in the art of philately, the results are happy indeed.

For Peace Stamps—A member of the Chicago Association of Commerce, Mr. Harry A. Wheeler, in the course of an address before the congregation of a church, urged the issue of peace stamps in black and white so that thoughts of peace might be diffused throughout the land. A tranquility of spirit would be encouraged by the constant reminder of the stamps and the present peace sentiment would become a moving force. The design suggested for the stamps is a black background with the black and white inscription: "Peace with Honor; Forgiveness, not Indemnity," and Mr. Wheeler advocates with a zeal that tramples down tradition that the peace stamps replace the regular issue. We trust that peace will not delay an appearance until our government issues peace stamps after the manner described.

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Use For Everything—A reader has shown an envelope that gives us a start of interest. Evidently following the injunction that Economy is Wealth, our postal fathers have made provisionals of the Postal Savings stamped envelopes by converting them into ordinary penalty envelopes. Mr. P. J. Wagner, who has forwarded the two cent red postal savings stamped envelope, says that the specimen is new to him; and we may add that it is to us. In the upper left corner, the return card indicating postal savings business emanating from a little town in Ohio is entirely blotted out in the most approved "censor" style; and below is the inscription in four lines: "Post Office Department, Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Postal Savings, Washington," and under a rule is "Official Business." Six black lines made by six horizontal printers' rules cross out the stamped impression in the upper right corner of the envelope and above is the usual warning of penalty for mis-use of the envelope: "Penalty for private use to avoid payment of postage, \$300."

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Latest—We notice on recent sealed letters from Germany, a variation of the censor's accustomed marking. After the usual "Oberwachtungstelle," etc., and "Armeekorps" number, etc., in postmark form are the lines: "Absender vertrauenswürdig, bedürfnis anerkannt," followed by a fac-simile signature of the censor, "Benntsch" (evidently). The wording, we take to be to the effect that confidence may be reposed in the sender and that his discretion may be trusted.

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Hear Ye—One of our friends has sent us the following information of revolutionary cast; and while we have not verified it, we hasten to present it with our explanation to readers: "I certify this to be a perfect copy. 'Subject, Proprietary Stamps.' When Congress late in 1914 decided to levy a stamp tax, it became the duty of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to furnish stamps 'to denote the provisions of this act.' Accordingly, Proprietary (as well as other) stamps were prepared. In haste, it was found necessary to borrow one million sheets of postage stamp paper from the P. O. Department. The ink first used was inferior stuff which gave the stamps a curious blurred appearance. When the revenue watermarked paper arrived, better ink was gotten and the dies re-cut to make a difference between P.S. and I.R. watermarked stamps. The difference is shown by the blank

GAMBIA.

All o. g. and fine.	Gib. Scott. My.
No. 31 2½d CA	.87 .50 .40
33 4d CA	.87 .50 .40
34 6d CA	.75 .80 .35
35 1sh CA	3.75 3.00 2.00
37 2sh CA	3.75 3.00 2.25
39 3sh CA	2.50 2.00 1.75

FRANK M. MASON, Box 1462, Prov., R. I.

I am issuing a series of lists one from each country, pricing all the stamps I can supply. Will be glad to send you all of these lists as they come out or if you only collect certain countries, just those you are interested in. Free for the asking. Let me hear.

IOLE DIONE, GRANDVIEW, WASH.

HARD-TO-GET XXth CENTURY

Roumania 1906, 3, 5, 10, 15b, Nos. 251-254	.19
3, 5, 10, 15b, Nos. 255-256	.19
*Honduras 1907, 50c and 1 peso	.21
*Seychelles 1901, 3, 3, 3, 6c, Nos. 29-32	.55

* Unused. Postage extra.

C.H.NAMMACK, P.O. Box 55, Brooklyn, N.Y.

SIAM

25 diff. used stamps, fine	Our Cat. Price
1.85	.80

SURINAM

No. 43, 2½g unused	2.00 1.00
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CANADA

3 diff. 50c stamps, used	.53 .25
1908 Quebec, 1-20c compl.	1.30 .60

Cash with order. No approv. Postage extra.

WESTERN STAMP CO., Winnipeg, Canada.

P. O. Box 996,

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and other fine British Colonials, including Nova Scotia in mint blocks of 4 are a strong feature in our 55th Auction Sale to be held

APRIL 20TH.

Be sure to write for a catalogue if not on our mailing list. The proceeds of one section in this sale will be devoted to war sufferers in Europe.

J. M. BARTELS CO., 99 Nassau St., N. Y.

GERMAN SAMOA

has been captured by the British. All former prices

cancelled. We can supply, as long as they last, fine, unused, o. g.: 1901, 3pf, .05; 5pf, .10; 10pf, .10; 20pf, .25; 25pf, .25; 30pf, .30; 40pf, .40; 50pf, .50; 80pf, .60; 1 Mark, \$1.00. See February New England Stamp Monthly for other German colonials. Sample copy free or 12c per year.

New England Stamp Co.

12 Bromfield St., BOSTON, MASS.

WANTED

A few more serious collectors to write for my excellent net Approvals. U. S.

Cat. \$1.00 free. Commercial Ref. Please. [63&5

A. H. SCHUMACHER, SEWANEE, TENN.

cuts below." Our correspondent drew very good pen and ink illustrations of the differences between the revenue paper and the postage paper impressions but we cannot handle them in a way to obtain cuts of the variations. We do not need to emphasize the importance of the testimony of our informant.

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Speaking Of Sonoras—Mr. George W. Linn rises to remark again that it is not fitting to say that the five centavos Transitorio Sonora, perforated, was regarded as a counterfeit,—vide Mr. S. B. Hopkins' article in the issue of March 6th, by the Constitutionalist authorities. "These stamps were legitimately issued by the proper authorities and used extensively throughout Sonora. Some time ago, I sent you some original correspondence from the postmaster of the State, showing that the stamps were made on his order and that he acknowledged receipt of the supply sent him," repeats Mr. Linn.

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It Looks Good—We believe that no words of praise are too fulsome for Henry J. Savage's "Uncle Sam at Work." The scenes of this pretentious moving-picture showing the making of the die, transfer-roll and plates for stamps in sheets and in coils are graphic indeed; and an understanding of the process of stamp production is gained through the pictures. The new stamp presses are to save the government a half million of dollars a year, it is said.

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F. S. PARMELEE
 210 First Natl. Bank Bldg., Omaha, Nebr.

White Backs, White Backs

British Guiana 96 cents.....	\$2 00
Jamaica one shilling.....	50
All others in stock.....	

J. A. GALBRAITH, 16 Beaver St., N. Y. City.

THESE PRICES WILL SURPRISE YOU

LOOK AT THE DISCOUNTS.	Cat.	Our
*U. S. Revenue 1898, 1c small I R	15	.03
1898, 80c bistre brown	18	.06
1898, \$3 and \$5	27	.10
\$50 bistre brown	125	.50
U. S. Am. Rapid Tel. Co., 12 var.	58	.10
Austria Unpaid 1900, perf., 12 var.	38	.10
*Austrian Levant 1883, 2, 3, & 5ld	39	.12
*1886-8, No. 1014 and 1015	14	.05
Bolivia 1894, 1c to 100c complete	20	.04
Bosnia 1879, 1n gray lilac	25	.08
Bosnia 1900, 50ct red lilac	08	.02
Bosnia 1906, 5, 10, 20, 30 & 40c	18	.06
*Br. East Africa 1890, 1a green	15	.05
Br. Honduras 1890, 5c	12	.04
1902, 4, 9c	15	.05
1909, 5c	10	.03
Chili 1883, 50c violet	10	.03
Chili 1892, 1 peso brown and black	12	.03
China 1912 Provisional, 10 var.	25	.06
Denmark Newspaper 1907, 8 var.	23	.05
*Dominican Republic 1902, 7 var.	35	.10
*Dominica 1886, 1/2 on 6d green	100	.50
1886, 1 on 1sh violet	60	.20
*1883-90, 4d gray	50	.15
Dutch Ind. 1908, 7 1/2, 17 1/2 & 22 1/2	27	.10
Eastern Roumelia '84, 5 para lilac	12	.04
*Guatemala 1871, 1c bistre No. 1a	100	.50
Guatemala 1882, 5 var.	44	.12
Labuan 1897, 1 to 24c, 9 var.	74	.20
*Leeward Is. 1902, 1 on 4, 6 & 7d	140	.50
Mexico 1910, 1-20c	50	.15
Mexico 1910, 50c red brn. & black	25	.07
No. Borneo 1893, 1 to 24c, 9 var.	93	.20
*St. Christopher 1882, 1/2 & 1d	13	.05
1887-90, 6d olive brown	600	2.25

*SEEBECKS at 20 Cts. per Set

Nicaragua 1882, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99.
Unpaid 1897, 99, Official 1890, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98, 99.
Salvador 1890, 91, 92, 93, 93 2, 5 & 10p, 94, 94 2, 5 & 10p, 95, 98, 99, Unpaid 1896, 98, Official 1898, 99, Parcel Post 1895, Reg. & Rect., 1897.

75% OFF SCOTT ON THE FOLLOWING:

(Scott's numbers.)

We are not breaking the WEEKLY'S rule in this matter. We name definite stamps. Here they are:—

U. S. Revenues—Imperf. *2804, 96, 98, 26, 31, 45, 48, 56, 59, 60, 65, 69, 71.
Part Perf. *2804, 23, 26, 36, 41, 42, 43, 45, 48, 51, 53, 55, 56, 58, 60, 62.
Perf. *2800, 02, 04, 05, 08, 09, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 52, 54, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 65, 67, 68, 69, 74, 77, 80, 81, 83, 2904, 07, 12, 15, 47, 67.
CUBA No. 1, 2 p c, 4 p c, 12, *13, *14, *16, 18, 20, 21, *24, *25, *38, *47, *48, *51, 55, 59, 60, *63, *64, *65, *67, *68, *69, *72, 73, 74, 75, *79, *80, *82, *84, *85, *86, *88, 90, 91, *92, *94, *97, 98, 100, *101, 102, 103, *104, 106, 109, 112, 115, 122, 123, 125, 127, *130, *135, *136, *137, 138, 141, 142, *143, *147, *148, *149, *150, *151, 152, *153, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 233, 234, 236, 237, 238, 239.
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*Unused. All in fine condition. Postage extra on orders under \$1. On all orders over \$2.50, 10% discount. It will pay you to order what you need of these while they last.

EDMOND STAMP CO., McLOUD, OKLA.

GREAT BRITAIN.—GEO. V BOOKLETS.

By A. H. THOMPSON.

The first of the new series of booklets that contained stamps to the face value of 2sh instead of 1sh 11 1/2d, as in the Edwardian series were expected to be put on sale on Coronation day, but it was not until August, 1911, that they appeared.

A special issue of the old booklets was printed, interleaved with advertisements, announcing the new series and the appointment of Messrs. Sells' as advertising agents. The following is a copy of one of the notices:—

"BOOKS OF STAMPS.—NEW ISSUE.

The new issue containing stamps of the present reign will be made probably towards the end of June, 1911. As the extra charge of 1/2d per book will then be abolished, the sale will doubtless be very largely increased. Sells' Advertising Agency Limited, have been appointed sole contractors for insertion of advertisements."

The issue containing these announcements must have been very limited, as I have only seen one copy. Strictly speaking, the issue belongs neither to the Edwardian or Georgian series.

The booklets were not numbered until No. 8 appeared, but it is quite easy to distinguish numbers 1 to 7. It is not generally known that voucher copies are issued to the advertisers, also a guarantee that a million copies of each issue are put on sale. These voucher copies are cancelled with a London, E. C., dated postmark, so that I am enabled to put the first seven issues in their proper order.

The first 3,000,000 were however, put on sale simultaneously in August, 1911, but the reader can take it that the following are in correct order.

Number. Advertisement on first inside page of cover.

- (1) Aitchison & Co.
- (2) The Gresham Fire and Accident Insurance Society, Ltd.
- (3) Empire Hotels.
- (4) Marsuma Cigarette.
- (5) Palethorpes' Sausages.
- (6) Royal Typewriters.
- (7) Times Book Club.

Numbers 1 to 3 bear on front cover "eighteen 1d stamps and twelve 1/2d stamps price 2s," and the G. v. R. monogram. Numbers 4, 5 and 6 bear the addition of the Inland rates of postage, and to number 7 and later issues was added Foreign and Colonial rates.

The first coloured advertisement (The Millennium Flour) appeared in No. 13, and was repeated in Nos. 21, 23 and 25. It is interesting to note that W. H. Peckitt was the first Philatelic advertiser to appear (No. 6), followed by Messrs. F. B. Smith, P. L. Pemberton and D. Field in No. 7, W. H. Regan in No. 9, but the palm goes to Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., whose advertisements appear in Nos. 18, 19, 23, 24 and 26.

A curious error occurred in No. 16, a few copies of this issue being bound in the cover of the preceding issue.

The usual rate for a one page advertisement is \$250, but in case of the coloured advertisements, the amount is nearer \$500.

The shades in the stamps vary considerably. There are two very scarce shades of the first type 1/2d, a deep yellow green and a blue green, whilst the 1d varies from pale to a very intense scarlet.

It will be seen above that the date is not given to No. 6. The stamps in the voucher were in this case overprinted "Specimen," and are rare.

As is well known, owing to the way the sheets of stamps are made up for the booklets, there are as many stamps with inverted watermarks as with normal.

I see that in the last four issues the G. P. O. are again using some of the interleaves for official announcements and also that two advertisements emanate from the War Office.—Stamp Collecting.

PREMIUM OFFERS ON NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Denmark "Avisporto" Set



1907, 1 ore to 1kr, 8 var., catalog 23c

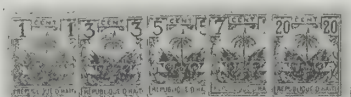
Given as a premium with new 10 weeks sub'n where name has never been on our list. **Remit 10c**

State of North Borneo 1909

One of the Finest of Picture Sets
4 var., 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, given with new 10 weeks subscription **Remit 10c**

6 var., 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, given with new 6 mos. subscription **Remit 25c**

A Pretty Hayti Garden of Palms



1896, 1c, 3c, 5c, 7c, 20c, catalog 31c
Given for a new 6 mos. subscription where name has never been on our books. **Remit 25c**

Siam Set—King Chulalongkorn



1910, 2, 3, 6, 12, 14, 28 satangs, catalog 46c

A Very Handsome Bi-Colored Set
Given for new 6 months sub'n where name has never been on our list. **Remit 25c**

Five Philippine Insurrectos



Three postage catalog 61c and two additional telegraph stamps—the set of five given for a new 10 weeks subscription where name has never been on our list. **Remit 10c**

MEXICO '84
50c green
1 peso blue
2 pesos blue

Catalog Value of the Set 49c

Scott's Nos. 160-12, All Unused
FREE With a six months subscription name new to our list **REMIT 25c**

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, 608 Kast, Boston, Mass.

THE KANSAS CITY SOCIETY.

This society continues to grow right along and now has a local organ through which its campaign for a larger membership is to be carried on. The *Central Philatelist* 50c per year published by Ralph L. Ward, 2028 North Tremont Street, Kansas City, Kas., has appeared in No. 1, Vol. 1, and is a neat appearing, well edited entrant to the field of philatelic journalism. Mr. Ward is a teacher in the Kansas City, Kas., high school, and owns his own printing plant and does practically all of the work on his publication himself and feels reasonably well satisfied that his publication will continue.

Members of the society are endeavoring to build up one of the largest local societies in the country. New members are being taken in at every meeting and attendance at the meetings runs all the way from 20 to 40. Auction sales are held at every meeting and this does much to attract attendance.

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The next meetings of the club will be held April 2, April 16, April 30, May 14, May 28. The last meeting for the season probably will be held in June. Regular auction sales will be held April 2, April 30, May 28, and at the last meeting for the season in June.—HARRY F. KOHR.

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E. T. PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PA.

RUBIAT OF A PHILATELIST.

Myself, when young, did eagerly frequent
The places where a thousand cost a cent,
And blew in my spare cash for specimens
Which later to the rummage sale were sent.

Some seek the issues of today, and some
Sigh for the surcharge errors yet to come.
Ah, take the double transfers and pass by
The reprints and the unused, minus gum.

I well remember walking out one day
And stopping to examine a display
Of stamps. The dealer spotted me and yanked
Me inside before I could get away.

Within were stamps I'd never seen before—
Imperforates, pairs, strips and blocks of four.
And when the dealer quoted me their price
I quickly sank insensate on the floor.

Each year new issues usher forth, you say,
Yes, but where are the stamps of yesterday?
And that inverted center I once saw—
I wonder who possesses it today?

Just lately there appeared before my door
The postman, with approval sheets galore.
And as I eagerly examined them
I wished there were about a million more.

And has not such a story from of old
At every club philatelic been told—
Of the rare stamp that's purchased for a song?
(But no one tells how often he's been sold!)

You all recall I put, in days gone by,
A second mortgage on my house to buy
A rare part-perforate O. G., and found
I was about a hundred thousand shy.

A catalog of Scott's beneath the bough,
Approval sheets, an album—also Thou,
O Watermark Detector, at my side—
Methinks that this is paradise enow.

And if, when on your travels, you should pass
Among the fiends with magnifying glass
And find that I am not among the bunch,
You'll know a bankrupt I've become, alas!

A LOCAL CHINESE PRINTING.

By Rev. J. C. HARLOW.

Chinese stamps at present seem to be shrouded in mystery. The current issue were brought out towards the end of 1913, being printed by Waterlow and Sons. For the last month or two the local offices have been supplied, in certain values, with stamps printed by the Chinese Bureau of Printing and Engraving. On the one hand I hear that all stamps in future are to be thus printed, on the other I am told that some millions have been ordered from Waterlow and Sons, and that the Pekin prints are merely temporary. The Postmaster in Pekin declines to give any information on the point, so we must "wait and see."

Comparing the two issues:—
(1.) The paper used by the Chinese Bureau is much thinner than that used by Waterlow's.

(2.) The ink used by the C. B. is of a different kind, having a "glossy" or almost greasy appearance, while the former is "matt" or "dry."

(3.) There are differences of die. The lines of the C. B. stamps are generally coarser. The sea and background is heavier, and the shadow of the junk under the bow is less pronounced. C. B. prints have a harsher appearance.

On the whole the Chinese printers have made a very good match, but it is not an exact reproduction of Waterlow's stamps.

As to the lower values, Waterlow's were in sheets of 200, divided into panes of 25. The C. B. stamps are also in sheets of 200 without being divided into panes. On the top and bottom margins there is the inscription "Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing" with a plate or control figure following. There is also a guiding hair line across the sheet to guide for perforation. You will see signs of this on the left hand side of the 5ch on the enclosed sheet. Neither of these appeared on the Waterlow sheets.—
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THE NEW 4d AUSTRALIAN.

The Australian Commonwealth has sprung a surprise on collectors in the form of a new 4d stamp with a portrait of King George. Since the present Government returned to power the arrangements which were well advanced for a new series of stamps of varied designs have been suspended, and the kangaroo design which originally saw the light under a Labour Government was retained, save for the 1d of the new series, which bears the Royal effigy. The 6d of the new series (kookaburra design) was already on sale, but the new 2d and 1s, which were ready for issue, were withheld. Now force of circumstance has driven the

authorities to issue the new 4d stamp. It seems that the Commonwealth printer ran short of paper of the size and style suitable for printing the kangaroo stamps, and, although a large stock of the other denominations has been printed, the supply of the 4d ran out. There was some difficulty, probably due to delays in transmission on account of the war, in getting more of the right paper from England, so it was decided to use up some of the paper obtained for printing the 1d King George stamp of the Commonwealth. To make use of this paper the King George die, which had been abandoned by the present authorities, had to be used. Thus, we get by the mail this week a 4d stamp of the Commonwealth, bearing King George's profile, the printing being done in orange.—*London Telegraph.*

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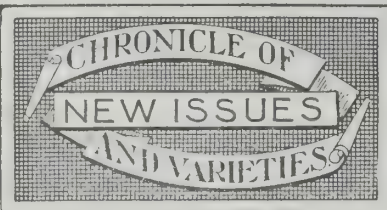
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UNITED STATES.—J. W. Bradbury has shown us the 1c of 1890 and the current 2c, perforated 8 1/2 horizontally, showing unmistakably the effect of a double transfer or a shifted die.

ARGENTINE.—Whitfield King report the 4c and 30c values on paper watermarked honeycomb, completing the full set.

AUSTRALIA.—Hugo Griebert & Co. and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new surface-printed 4d stamp. The design is the same as the surface printed 1d stamps, the only change being the value. The "4" is smaller so that "D" is inserted in the tablets. The stamps are printed on white paper, watermarked Crown A, either normal or reversed. According to the specimens submitted by Whitfield King & Co., there are two distinct shades.

Adhesives.

4d orange.

4d orange yellow.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—The 2sh 6d of Great Britain, surcharged for use in this Protectorate, has been shown us by Hugo Griebert & Co.

CANADA.—According to A. C. Roessler, there is a possibility of 3c letter rate for domestic letters, but the P. M. General says, "There is no present intention of issuing a 3c stamp."

Mrs. E. W. Oughtred submits a block of four of the 5c War Tax stamps bearing a red overprinting of the wholesaler's cancellation. When the retailer buys a case unopened, he purchases from the wholesaler stamps canceled in this manner to the value of the tax required on the bottles that the case contains. The stamps are affixed to the bottles as they are sold at retail. It is expected that a 3c provisional will soon be issued.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Hermann Focke has shown used copies of the provisional surcharged and overprinted on the official stamps of 1909. We are now able to state that the overprinting was done in purple on the 1/2c on 20c, and in red on all the other values. Mr. Focke writes:

"Regarding the 1911 set of postage stamps, I am informed that they have been withdrawn and demonetized, because large quantities were stolen by officers of the previous administration. The present government has offered to accept such stamps with a certified statement as to the value at which they were purchased, in order to reimburse such value on a lottery plan, as money comes into the Treasury with which to pay for them. As lately large blocks of the stamps have been offered for sale in this country, it may be advisable to warn prospective buyers regarding the "standing" of that particular issue. We have received letters franked with these stamps, on which we had to pay double amount for postage due."

EGYPT.—Rumors are current that the stamps of this country will be overprinted "British Protectorate," but Felix Cohen, who informs us of this fact, states that nothing has yet been given out from official sources.

Three new Service stamps have been issued, 1, 3 and 5 millimes, with "O. H. H. S." in overprint in the 1914 type.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—Hugo Griebert & Co. have shown us the 5sh King George brown red which is just being distributed.

FRENCH OCEANICA.—A 15c value has been added to the 1913 set, type Scott's A 2, and has been shown us by Whitfield King & Co.

Adhesive.

15c brown orange and black.

INDIA.—Whitfield King & Co. report that the restrictions on the sale to the public of the "I. E. F." stamps have now been removed.

Bundi.—The Philatelic Journal of India states:—

"After a state of lethargy extending to over thirteen years, we are greeted by the arrival of a new postage stamp from this State, namely, 1/2 anna, black. On a square piece of white paper, four stamps are lithographed. To facilitate separation, they are rouletted in colour. The central design depicts a fierce warrior in a seated posture, holding aloft in his right hand a sword, and in his left, a shield. On either side of him there is a bull standing erect on his hind legs. It is difficult to conjecture what episode in mythology, or in local history, this design represents.

"We are given to understand that the State has its own post offices under its administrative control, and that the stamps of Bundi have never been obsolete."

Adhesive.

1/2 anna black.

JAMAICA.—We have received from J. A. Galbraith a specimen copy of the 1 shilling surface tinted paper. It is printed in black on green, with white back.

Adhesive.

1sh black on green.

Benjamin Cadbury reports having seen the 1sh King George stamp on white-back paper.

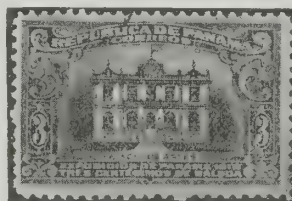
MADAGASCAR.—Madagascar has also issued a Red Cross stamp, the 10c of 1908 being surcharged in the usual way with a red cross and "5c." C. G. Dietrich has shown us these stamps.

Provisional Adhesive.

10c and 5c rose & brown violet and carmine.

NICARAGUA.—We have been shown by Lionel T. Scott a revenue stamp which evidently has done duty for postage, though only a portion of the cover was submitted. It is a 10c blue customs stamp.

PANAMA.—We chronicled last week the new set and illustrate herewith one of the designs.



PERSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. are informed that in consequence of the War, fresh supplies of stamps could not be obtained from the printers, and as the stocks of the values most in use, 1c, 2c, 3c and 6c, became exhausted, recourse had to be made to surcharging, and several provisionals have been overprinted on the current issue. As far as seen, there are two forms of surcharge, one dated "1914" and the other "1915." In other ways the form of the overprint differs greatly. Owing to the necessity of conserving the stock on hand the sale is restricted. All overprints are in black.

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1c on 13c maroon and blue.

2c on 5c brown and carmine.

3c on 28c green and ultramarine; 1914.

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ROUMANIA.—Jos. A. Steinmetz, C. G. Dietrich, and the New England Stamp Co. have shown us the new "Timbru de Ajutor" stamps, both used and unused. Mr. Steinmetz notes that they are good for full postage, and not necessarily limited to an additional tax on letters, etc.

SAMOA.—A. C. Roessler states that no more King Edward will be surcharged. The authorities will wait for the new King George issue.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF R. I. SOCIETY.

The oldest association of stamp collectors in America in point of continuous activities is the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, which was organized in 1885. There were other local societies formed in this country prior to 1885, but for one reason or another, all ceased to exist. The Rhode Island Philatelic Society has maintained an unflagging interest in its work, some of its members having accumulated very large and highly valuable collections. Among the more notable of these was that made by the late Col. Frank C. Olney, who disposed of his collection for \$30,000 to a Boston house specializing in the stamp business.

The George H. Wood collection was another fine one. This disappeared one night, by theft, it was alleged, while that made by A. B. Slater, Jr., which was disposed of by auction after his death, was one which attracted no little attention.

New local interest is being taken in philately through the formation, in January, of a boys' stamp club at the Y. M. C. A., which already has a membership of 15 zealous collectors. This class is being instructed by Roy S. Barker, an enthusiastic collector, who is assisting the boys to specialize in the stamps of different countries. The club meets every Wednesday evening, and, in addition to listening to practical talks on the subject matter, holds auction sales, the members using their superfluous and lesser valued stamps in purchasing those of greater value from a collector's viewpoint. The enthusiasm the boys show augurs well for the maintenance of their collections beyond the scope of mere amateur work and the upbuilding of some that may eventually rank high.

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telic Society, although not all of the original members had been juvenile collectors. They included John B. Calder, Alfred Dawson, Charles G. Calder, Martin S. Fanning, J. F. Browning, George H. Wood, Charles F. Rothfuchs, Edward B. Hanes, W. Irving Cox and William G. Nightingale.

John B. Calder was the first president, his successors having been Edward B. Hanes, George H. Wood, Frank C. Olney, Alfred Dawson, H. W. Brown, Geo. H. Wood, A. B. Slater, Jr., F. E. Newbury, W. C. Elliott, Alfred Dawson, Frank M. Mason, W. H. Congdon, A. R. Perry, J. B. McIntyre, Wendell A. Mowry, and since 1911, B. A. Webber.

WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY.

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The Washington State Philatelic Society was organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington during the summer of 1912, and has experienced a phenomenal growth and is now one of the strongest societies in the United States. The increase of the Society during the past year has been exceptional; on Jan. 1, 1914, 73 members, while on Jan. 1, 1915, 138 members in good standing. Members of the W. S. P. S. may be found in most any part of the world; Italy, England, Chile, Argentine Republic, Malta and Spain, and a number of members belong to Uncle Sam's navy, "seeing the world."

Under the constitution and by-laws of the society a branch of the society may be formed in any city where there are five or more members, who hold regular meetings, and to those branches 50% of the annual dues are remitted by the society, this money to be used for the expenses of the local branch as the members of that branch may desire. At this time branches are located at Tacoma, Olympia, and Spokane.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE HANDSOMEST MAN ON A POSTAGE STAMP.

Since the readers are no doubt mad with the anxiety of waiting for the results of the big contest to discover the "Handsome Man on a Postage Stamp" we will end the suspense. There were forty-five entries in the contest, and George Washington was selected as the handsomest man by fourteen of the contestants, while King George of England was chosen by twelve. The others favored various other men, among them Garfield, McKinley, Lincoln, Francis Joseph of Austria, Czar Nicholas of Russia, King Albert of Belgium, King Oscar of Sweden, King Edward VII of England, Thomas Jefferson, Commodore Perry, and King Charles of Roumania. The Garfield enthusiasts were the most numerous of the above, but none explained their reasons for thinking him a handsome man, except that he had a noble character. As this contest was to decide who is the handsomest man, the question of character could hardly be allowed to enter the question. Abraham Lincoln had as noble a character as any of the other rulers, yet Lincoln, in a physical sense, could not be called a handsome man. Therefore, character could not be allowed to influence this contest.

After considerable discussion, the judges of this contest, Mr. Severn and myself, have decided to award the first prize of \$5.00 in catalogue value of desirable stamps to Reginald Harding, of Syracuse, New York, for his selection of the 10c green U. S. 1861 issue, featuring George Washington,—and his reasons for the selection. Mr. Harding gave more details than any of the other contestants for Washington, though several selected more suitable stamps, such as the \$2 Conveyance of the Revenue series.

The second prize of \$2.50 in catalogue value is awarded to John W. Eastham, Vernon, B. C., for his selection of the current 2d Rhodesia stamp picturing King George, and his reasons therefor. The current Canadian series proved popular with many collectors and practically all contestants for King George chose these two series.

The third prize of \$1.50 in catalogue value is awarded to John Bradley, Xenia, Ohio, for his choice of William McKinley on the 5c St. Louis Exposition series.

Mr. E. H. Swain, of St. Paul, Minn., who claims to be the "Handsome Stamp Collector" entered the most unique essay, but featured the point that "Handsome is as handsome does" and therefore could not receive the prize for his splendid article on Washington. He will, however, receive an award for his labors, as will all of the others whose work is published in this issue.

On the whole, the contest was a great success, and the readers responded beyond our expectations. Keep your eyes open for our next contest.

First Prize Winner.
REGINALD HARDING.

For my part, I think George Washington, our famous revolutionary hero, the handsomest man whose portrait ever appeared on a postage stamp. I believe that his likeness shows to the best advantage in the 10c yellow green, 1861 issue, No. 68. His eyes, set below his imposing forehead, are mild, yet are wonderfully expressive of his character; his nose is in right proportion to the rest of his features; his lips are closed, though not tight-pressed; his chin adds a finishing touch to his features; and his neck is set firm upon his level and well-bearing shoulders. His hair, though not dressed to suit modern ideas, sets off his features to very good advantage.

His features, as a whole, show modesty and straightforwardness, and are what I consider real handsome.

Second Prize Winner,
JOHN W. EASTHAM.

Why I consider the Portrait of King George on the 2d Rhodesia (1913) the Handsomest Man's portrait on a stamp:—

King George holds a decided asset in being portrayed in the prime of life. A bald head does not show to advantage even on a postage stamp. The full-face view shown here does not accentuate trifling weaknesses of feature so much as the profile. The expression is unaffected and life-like, much more so than in the "sculptured" head and neck commonly used on "King's Head" stamps. The naval uniform gives a better effect than plain civilian dress would and is a change from the frequency of military uniforms. The details of the portrait are clear and sufficient to prevent any impression of caricature. The frame is neat and the stamp well-printed in black and white, an excellent medium for a portrait.

Third Prize Winner,
JOHN BRADLEY.

Please enter me in the "Handsome Man" contest as being of the opinion that the five cent blue stamp of the U. S. Commemorative issue of 1904, bears the handsomest man's portrait, that of William McKinley. My chief reason for so thinking is that my ideal of a "handsome" man is one whose smooth shaven face must be pleasant to look upon and at the same time be remarkable for its indication of personal force and thought; one whom we would single out for special attention in a large crowd. Another good reason for the choice I have made is that the photographer's and engraver's arts have combined to make it a remarkable portrait; one that shows at a glance a strong man, a clean man and a gentleman even in plain citizen's clothes without royal or military gold braid or decorations.

From RALPH E. HARBOLD.

I enter the following description of the handsomest man I have ever seen on any stamp.

The presumably eminent chieftain pictured upon the lower values of the 1910 issue of Gabon undoubtedly represents the highest achievement of Nature, so far as genuine beauty goes. The graceful contours of his features, the eloquent and benign expression in his eyes, and the sweet smile bestowed upon a passing sweetheart, all attest to the superior quality of his beauty. This "Beau Brummel" has successfully augmented his graces by a plume, tactfully placed above his high forehead, by long, delicate ornaments hung from his ears, and by a thin but effective application of paint. Beauty such as this is indeed remarkable.

From MARTIN W. HOOSE.

In my opinion, King George V, as pictured on the 1913 issue of Rhodesia, furnishes the most striking example of manly beauty furnished by any of the world's postage stamps.

In this picture, he exemplifies both styles of beauty; regularity of feature, and the higher beauty brought forth by nobility of character. His physical beauty is shown here by a regularity and symmetry of feature, no particular one predominating over the others, and by the abundant well-kept beard and moustache which accentuate the whole.

Finest of all, however, is the noble spirit shining forth from the eyes. Features are blank without character to back them, but no one can fail to see in this portrait one of the finest products of God and civilization; a thoroughbred gentleman in every sense of the word, and one in every way worthy of his exalted position.

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Having just secured from one of our advertisers a prize packet I wish to submit some account of it to your readers. In your current issue appears the offer of a regular advertiser of "1000 Mixed U. S. 10c." As a matter of curiosity I ordered the mixture. Before throwing the stamps away, I decided to count the main item. I counted 250 of the current two cent, and missed some. There were numerous current one cent, an abundance of the current two-cent envelope, postal cards, earlier one and two-cent recent issues, etc. The gems of the collection, a current nine cent, a Columbian two cent, parcel post four cent, current four cent, etc., were too badly damaged for use. Many of the current two cent were damaged. The envelopes were sometimes cut square all right, but occasionally within the body of the stamp. I am not kicking; I do not want my money back, but the point is, why does a dealer degrade his trade by indulging in such trashy business? As an advertisement and invitation to do real business an offer of real value, say ten good cheap stamps for a dime might have merit. A packet like the one I drew simply disgusts.

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In attempting to provide some philatelic items worthy of this celebration, I have not tried to get together a lot of rare stamps just because they are rare, but I have rather tried to show some things that may indicate different kinds of philatelic work, as well as some of the recent investigations with which I have busied myself.

Argentine 1888.—In Volume I, you will find a study of the 1888 series worked out according to my ideas. You will note that all these stamps can be plated, and there are a good many interesting things about some of the plates. I am sure they will interest any true philatelist and probably tax his ingenuity if he will undertake further research along the lines which I have undertaken. My work has developed a number of what I believe to be original ideas and makes possible still further work, now that a firm foundation has been established. A number of the items shown in this series of stamps I believe to be unique.

Victoria 1850 Three-Pence.—Volume II. In this volume, I show a number of items; in the first place my plating of the Victoria three-pence of 1850 as lithographed by Mr. Thomas Ham. I show three reconstructed groups of twelve of these stamps with the proof of the plating.

The sheet of this three-pence, Ham printing, was made up of two separate panes. There were five groups of twelve stamps each in the lefthand pane, and a like number in the righthand pane, making sixty stamps in each pane, or one hundred and twenty stamps in the sheet.

On the 3rd page of my exhibit of this printing of the Victoria three-pence, I show a unique original cover on which there is a block of twelve which happens to include all of the twelve types composing the intermediate stone for this setting. This is the most remarkable cover with the stamps of Victoria that I have ever seen. Before discovering this cover I had worked out the plating by comparisons of pairs and strips. It was indeed a joy to find that the plating made up by this process proved to be exactly the same as the complete block of the twelve subjects on the cover.

In my collection at home in Lakewood I have many pages of pairs, strips and blocks that in various ways prove the plating. In addition to this there is an exhibit showing the study of the several retouches of this stamp.

Victoria, Queen on Throne.—On page 5 of this volume is a reconstructed plate of the Victoria two-pence, Queen on Throne of 1854, late impressions in the dull mauve shades. The interesting thing about this plate is that it is completely reconstructed of imperforate pairs.

Later on are two pages explaining the errors of transfer of this stamp. It is the first time so far as I know that this problem has been completely mathematically worked out.

Victoria Two-Shillings 1864.—On another page is a reconstructed plate of the printing of the two-shillings value of Victoria 1864, and I am indebted to our friend, L. L. R. Hausberg, Esquire, for help and suggestions.

Victoria 4 Pence Error of Color.—On another page in this volume is a pair of the Victoria 1885 error of color, four-pence, in dull mauve, like one of the shades of the printing of the two-pence. This pair came from the David Hill collection. It is this small lot, which Mr. Hill had, which caused this variety to be listed by Stanley Gibbons as No. 208A in their catalog. This stamp is excessively rare.

Victoria 1912 Duty Paper.—In 1912 a so-called duty or revenue paper was used for a short time during the period when they ran short of the regular paper used for postage stamps. Four values, namely; the one-half penny, one-penny, two-pence and nine-pence were printed. The watermark is a double lined V over crown, similar to that on paper of the earlier series of 1867-1903. Marginal strips show the watermark words: "Victoria Duty" thus making identification positive, but this paper can be positively identified otherwise. That is why I am showing it here. Please note that the mesh on the duty paper is always at right angles to the device, whereas in the older regular paper it is

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Uruguay 240c of 1858.—Some years ago Dr. Achillisto Chiesa, a distinguished philatelist of Milan, Italy, owned a complete sheet of the 240 centavos, Uruguay, issued in March, 1858. This was the only sheet known. I am sorry to say that after Dr. Chiesa's collection was sold two or three years ago, the sheet was cut up and sold by Messrs. Bridger and Kay in sections so that no complete sheet is now extant. Dr. Chiesa was kind enough to send me a photograph in sepia of the entire sheet of this 240 centavos. You will notice in my exhibit a section of the picture of the sheet showing that by means of this photograph I have been able to plate the stamps, and on another page you will notice the reconstructed section of a sheet. No. 23 in each of the first sections and No. 11 in the last row of the sheet are blank, the error 180c red having been removed from these positions.

Uruguay One Peso, Arms Inverted.—I also show the Uruguay one peso stamp of 1867 which was prepared in New York under contract with the Government of Uruguay, but the stamp was rejected on account of the arms being reversed. Some South American Philatelists claim that used copies are known but I have never seen one. In any condition the stamp is a rarity.

Uruguay 7c Lithographed 1881.—I also think you will be interested on another page in the reconstruction of the varieties of the lithographed 7c Uruguay, issued August 25, 1881.

Uruguay, Inverted Center.—The 25c Uruguay with inverted center is a stamp of considerable interest to collectors. This was issued during May, 1896. It is an interesting fact that notwithstanding this stamp was used at so recent a date only a very few have been found. The variety was not discovered until after all the copies had been used, and unused are unknown. No more than thirty copies of this stamp are known of which you will notice three on one page of my exhibit.

Uruguay 1859.—I have recently been re-studying the Uruguay issue of June, 1859; the issue with thin lettering. Not very much has heretofore been known about these interesting stamps. We have been helped by the able writings of Dr. Jose Marco del Pont and Mr. Hugo Griebert, but the latter gives very little information in regard to the make-up of these varieties in his book on the stamps of Uruguay. The stamps of this series were printed from three stones; the 60c and 100c from one stone; the 80c, 120c and 180c from a second stone, and the 240c from a third stone. The same types in the transfers will be found in the same relative positions in the groups composing the sections of the 100c as on the 60c; and likewise the same groups composing the sheets of the 80c and 120c as on the 180c. The stamps of the different denominations mounted in my collection, in comparison each showing a white dot in the southeast spandrel, proved this in the case of the last mentioned three values, each being No. 7 in their respective groups, and occurring twelve times on a sheet.

The two covers shown, one with a strip and pair of the 100c thin figures of 1859 and the other with a strip of five of the 120c thin figures of 1859 are both interesting philatelic exhibits. The strip of 120c bears additional evidence of substituted transfers in this series. Both of these covers came from the collection of

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2d, First Type, New Zealand and Retouches.—When the New Zealand Philatelic Society was preparing its recently published work on the Stamps of New Zealand one of the officers of the Association secured from the Government of New Zealand some reprints from the old plate of the two-pence of 1863-66. The retouched portions of these reprints were inserted in each copy of the book on the Stamps of New Zealand. I was fortunate enough to receive from a friend in New Zealand a complete sheet of the reprints which, for the sake of convenience, has been divided. Diagrams on some of the pages of my collection show in a graphic way exactly the portions of the damaged areas on the plate. Some of these damaged areas were retouched but not all. What portions were retouched and what portions were not retouched are shown by the diagrams in connection with my reconstruction of the retouched values. These are shown in the two-pence blue printed when the plate was first retouched in 1867 and the vermilion two-pence printed from the same retouched plate in 1871. This exhibit will give some information in regard to these interesting retouches that may not have heretofore come to your attention. My ideas in regard to these stamps are not original, but I have tried to put together in an appealing and graphic form the information that is known by some students of the stamps of New Zealand.

Queensland.—Volume III of my exhibit shows a study of certain stamps of Queensland. You will notice the high values of 1881 in unused condition in reconstructed groups as they were repeated to make up a sheet of 120 subjects. Some of the groups contain ten varieties, and other groups but five. I could talk for an hour about a study of the 1879-1880 electrotyped stamps of Queensland; the work of William Knight, the Government Engraver. I consider this series of great interest and you are all aware that it contains a number of rarities which are difficult to obtain and are seldom seen. You will notice that the collection is embellished by drawings and diagrams, showing the make-up of the sheets, the distribution of varieties, the difference in the dies, plates, etc.

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EDITORIAL.

Rapturous—It will be difficult to speak of Cleveland's celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club in the casual terms that usually are employed descriptively for similar occasions; and indeed it would not be just to treat this anniversary with perfunctory phrases as it was a distinctive and triumphal occasion, perfect in all its details and those little touches that may not be reduced to words but which bespeak the mind, let us say, that is conversant with all the niceties of philatelic life. So, a truce to formal speech; it must make way for proper enthusiasm, as Cleveland, city philatelic hospitality, has registered its greatest achievement; and its love feast has given philatelic memory its happiest theme.

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Stamps Supreme—First, confusion was heaped on the carping critic who is wont

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to say that the essential of stamps is lacking in American philatelic gatherings; and that the moving spirit of the stamp is ignored on such occasions. At Cleveland, stamps were the paramount issue, but they were presented in a social setting that warmed the heart of the stickler for philatelic tradition. Stamps were everywhere; they were first, last and all the time and in such number that the eyes of Argus could not have seen them all. The Worthington collection; the Charles Lathrop Pack display; the Dr. Carroll Chase collection of the U. S. issues of 1847, 1851 and 1857; William L. Stevenson's studies of the earlier U. S. stamps; the collections of Alvin Good, John F. Rust and other Cleveland men were all to the fore accompanied by a stamp host that included in the aggregate a wealth of interesting and valuable material. The panorama of stamps was an unceasing one and it was to be seen under the most favorable conditions. In this connection, the admirable display made by members of the society in the window of Burrows Brothers, one of the leading down-town stores, should be mentioned as it was just of the right calibre to attract and engage the public eye.

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A Few Particulars—The Worthington collection was shown by Mr. Good according to the promise of the program and on Saturday afternoon, the hotel assembly room was crowded with collectors who were intent upon seeing the great collection with its Post Office Mauritius stamps, two of the one penny on the original envelope and a copy of the two pence on part of the cover, in particular; and it is needless to say that the worshipful multitude was mightily regaled. As may be imagined, the Worthington collection could not be examined in detail, but an idea of its opulence and magnitude could be gained in the several hours. The following day, a private view was given to a number of the visitors who held uninterrupted communion with the stamps for a good part of the day. The wonderful array of United States stamps was gloated over by gentlemen who realized their opportunity and made the most of it. The exhibit that was forwarded by Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack was superb and the vast amount of study and research that had been bestowed upon it was evident. We were fortunate to obtain a list of the stamps comprising Mr. Pack's contribution to the enjoyment of the keen philatelists and we shall present it for the edification of our readers in due course. It is to be said that Mr. Pack was unable at the last moment to join in the celebration personally, although he had planned to do so.

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Beyond Words—We recognize the futility of attempting to describe with any thoroughness the collection of Mr. Worthington, which is beyond comparison with any other collection in America, and which has an international reputation. The fame of the Worthington col-

lection has penetrated to the outposts of philately the world over and there are few school-boys who are ignorant of the vast wealth of the collection. Too, the marvelous collection of Dr. Carroll Chase may be said to "beggar description." No hurried compilation could do justice to the amazing aggregation of the stamps of the first three general issues of the United States, which Dr. Chase has collected with loving care; and when one learns that the albums that were shown by this prince of students were really not the collection in its completeness, but a representative portion of it, one can scarcely conceive how there could be a last word when all seemed to have been said, and so eloquently. The Chase collection had the stamps in all possible variety. There were reconstructed sheets, blocks, singles and variations without end. There were used and unused, covers and cancellations; variants in paper, and what not. The stamps at once were a revelation and an inspiration.

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George Heber Worthington—The appearance of Mr. Worthington at the banquet of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club was a source of gratification to all. In responding to his introduction by Mr. Rust, the toast-master, Mr. Worthington, said that at five o'clock that day, his doctor granted permission that he attend the banquet "if he went home early." Mr. Worthington said that he was anxious to meet the members and visitors on the happy occasion, even though his presence had hinged on the acquiescence of the doctor. He told of his earlier stamp days which remained bright in memory and assured those present that his interest in philately was unquenchable. Other felicitous remarks were made by Mr. Worthington and an outburst of enthusiasm on the part of the banqueters showed the esteem in which the master philatelist is held. Mr. Worthington, whose collection of stamps is one

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Friday was devoted to making and renewing acquaintances and the display of interesting lots of stamps, preparatory to the regular meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club on evening of March 19th. An auction was an attraction of the meeting and the auctioneer for this occasion only, Henry Ades Fowler of Chicago, kept everybody in good humor with his rillery as he wheedled good prices out of the bidders. The exhibition of the Dr. Chase collection of the first three general issues of the United States was the feature of the evening and for three hours the members gazed in wonderment on the stamps and listened to Dr. Chase's illuminating explanations. As a philatelic lecturer with these stamps as his subject, Dr. Chase established himself in highest favor. The open house at the philatelic headquarters, Saturday, was signalized in the afternoon by the exhibition of sections from the superb collections of the honorary members, Mr. Worthington and Mr. Pack. The crowd was large, "a veritable crush," as the society editor would have it, but everyone managed to see his fill of stamps. The crowning event of the celebration was the banquet on Saturday night, March 20th, 1915.

THE BANQUET.

The banquet was a success in every particular and the spacious hall in which it had its setting was beautifully decorated; it was indeed a fitting finale to the two perfect days. All the visitors were present and Cleveland was there in all its glory. Expectation ran high and as seats were taken, a tingle of happiness pervaded all. The souvenirs, presented with the compliments of the toast-master, Mr. John F. Rust, were a miniature mail-bag and a pair of tongs in sheath (or a magnifying glass) and the menu was a typographical delight; and in its culinary aspect read as follows:—

Menu.

Martini Cocktails	Wine
Cotuit Cocktails	
Ripe Olives	Salted Nuts
Strained Chicken Gumbo	Celery
Sea Bass, Sauce Meunierre	
Cucumber Sandwiches	
Punch Imperiale	
Breast of Guinea Hen, Currant Jelly	
Au Gratin Potatoes	
Asparagus Hollandaise	
Hearts of Lettuce	
Russian Dressing, Cheese Wafers	
Garfield-Perry Ice Cream	
Fancy Cakes	
Roquefort Cheese	Toasted Crackers
Demi-Tasse	
Cigars	Cigarettes

At the speakers' table, Mr. Rust with his usual *savoir faire*, banded a bit of philatelic philosophy with Commodore Worthington on his right or blew a bubble of airy persiflage to General Chas. A. Coolidge, president of the American Philatelic Society, on his left. Others at the speakers' table were Dr. Chase, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Good, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Fernald, Mr. Deas, Dr. Tubman and Mr. Severn. In good time, Mr. Rust, who, we may interpolate here, had his evening of triumph and made a most pleasant impression by the clever and cheerful guidance of the destinies of the evening, called upon Mr. Schneider as the first speaker. Mr. Schneider, as one of the founders of the club, told an interesting history of the early days of the organization and read a number of clippings from his scrap-book that gave an insight into the inner workings of the Garfield-Perry.

Mr. Worthington was listened to intently and the cordial sentiments that he expressed struck a responsive chord; and his delightful reminiscences were keenly enjoyed. He will not forget soon, we wager, the ovation that was tendered him. Though Mr. Worthington is under the care of a physician and was enjoined not "to stay out late," it was noticed that he was in no hurry to tear himself away.

Dr. Carroll Chase forgot his beloved stamps for the time being and gave a number of stories in dialect that evoked a demonstration that would have caused a professional entertainer to demand a raise in salary; surely, he was a surprise party.

Mr. Severn had something to say and then General Coolidge gave a talk that captivated his audience. After advising members of the American Philatelic Society to make a strong numerical showing at the San Francisco convention, he essayed the lighter side and his stories were wittily pointed and happily delivered. General Coolidge mentioned that while attending college in Cleveland in the early seventies, he scoured the city in the hope of finding a stamp dealer, but his quest was unrewarded, although he did discover a "stamp company" that made stencils.

Mr. Fowler made himself heard and his good humor was contagious; he pledged himself to attend future banquets of the club, thereby proving that under excitements of no ordinary kind, he held to the main chance. Mr. Fernald gave a remarkably engaging response; he followed the career of Garfield-Perry from birth to its present proud estate and into his discourse he wove a wealth of sentiment that appealed strongly to those who for so many years have followed actively or in fancy the career of Garfield-Perry.

The formal exercises of the evening were finished by the presentation by Mr. Hanford, in behalf of his good mother, of a beautiful loving cup to the club and Mr. Hanford's remarks, surcharged with sentiment, made a profound impression. The cup was accepted by Mr. Rust and a box of flowers was sent to Mrs. Hanford. To the strains of the excellent orchestra, the curtain was rung down to the most successful philatelic banquet that the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club ever gave.

NOTES.

Many of the visitors were given cards for two weeks to the Cleveland Athletic Club; and the dining room was the usual rendezvous of the philatelic townsmen and guests alike.

The Cleveland newspapers had accounts of the celebration and one of the

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The statistician was around estimating the probable value of the stamps in possession of all those present but he was hopelessly entangled in a mass of figures when last seen.

While the entertainment which was continuous was being enjoyed by the visitors, they did not forget that it was the result of the expenditure of much time and money by the Cleveland men.

If there are collectors who can regard the one cent, 1851, U. S., for instance, after having seen the possibilities of the stamp as displayed in the collections on view, with a calm eye, they are the rare exceptions.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The Bridgeport, Conn., Philatelic Club is holding regular meetings. The club intends to secure rooms in a business building that will meet the needs of this growing organization.

—We learn that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing is getting out some 5 peso revenue stamps for the Philippines. The stamp is printed in blue and is a trifle smaller than the special delivery stamp.

—We have received from Mrs. E. W. Oughtred further information in connection with the operation of the new revenue tax law in Canada. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in connection with the 1c tax on theatre tickets, and the method of working it. Mrs. Oughtred says that the inland revenue office is impatiently awaiting 3c and 13c stamps, which are now greatly needed.

—John T. Thompson, R. 1., Marietta, Ga., is very anxious to secure the address of Stephen Golder, formerly of 1761 Scarth St., Regina, Canada. Mr. Thompson advises us that Golder went on a visit to Vancouver, B. C., and was to return to Regina, but letters to both cities are returned unclaimed. Can any of our Winnipeg subscribers furnish the desired information?

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Irvin B. Robinson, Hugo Kuenstler (7), Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, H. W. L. MacMeans and Mrs. W. E. Underwood.

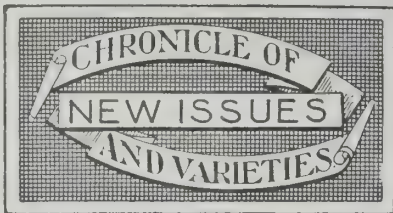
—A new advertising postmark is reported from Canada, which is using very few this year because of the war. This one is from Calgary and is the ordinary rectangular type reading: SPRING STOCK SHOWS (slightly curved)—CALGARY, ALBERTA—APRIL 21-23—1915, in four lines.—G. A. CHANDLER.

—A philatelic society has been organized in Montclair, N. J., and will be known as Branch No. 4 of the N. P. S.

—Collectors generally may well beware of faked stuff originating from Francisco Rocha of Nogales, Arizona. We have before us a cover with one-half of a 10c Transitorio with Rocha's card in the corner. The peculiar part of this "provisional" is that a used stamp was taken to make this cover. Moreover, it bears a Hermosillo postmark dated as far back as last July. Rocha must be a very ignorant dealer in these things if he expects to fool the average collector with his wares.

—C. A. Spaythe writes us that the following are the plate numbers on the Kansas City roulettes:—1c, 6013, 6018, 6020, 6041; 2c, 6436, 6464, 6490, 6491. These were the only plate numbers of imperforate stamps in the Kansas City office at the time these stamps were rouletted.

—R. S.—Canal Zone stamps at their "regular" price can only be obtained from one of the Postoffices in the Canal Zone. If remittances be made by money order any postmaster will be willing to accommodate.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—*Scott's Circular* has the following: "Last month, we chronicled the \$1.00 stamp of the current series on paper watermarked single-lined U. S. P. S. The report that this stamp had been issued came to us just as we were sending copy to the printer and we hastily added the stamp to our chronicle. We are now informed by a reliable correspondent in Washington that not only has the stamp not been issued, but the plate for printing it on the paper with single-lined watermark has not even been made. We think it is generally known to collectors of United States stamps that the remainder of the paper with double-lined watermark is cut to fit plates of 200 subjects, while the paper with single-lined watermark is cut to fit plates of 400 subjects. Plates of the larger size have now been made for all denominations of the current series, except the one dollar. We may, therefore, expect the latter stamp to be printed on the paper with double-lined watermark until the supply of it is exhausted. We have no information as to how long it will probably last.

"New values with the perforation 10 continue to appear. Only the 50c is now lacking in the regular issue and the 10c in the Panama Pacific series. We hear that the 3 and 5c postage due stamps have been perforated with this gauge, but they have not yet been noted as in issue.

"The list of revenue stamps on the two papers continues to grow. MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS lists, 1, 1½ and 3c Proprietary stamps. We would like to know if our contemporary has personal knowledge that these denominations exist or has accepted the statement of some correspondent who may have copied the list originally announced by the Government."

Will the correspondents who originally reported these stamps kindly supply the confirmation asked for above.

AITUTAKI.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1sh King Edward stamp of New Zealand surcharged for use in this Colony.

COSTA RICA.—*Stamp Collecting* reports another provisional, the 2c pale blue fiscal stamp overprinted "Guanacaste" diagonally; additionally overprinted "Correos" for postal use.

Provisional Adhesive.
2c pale blue.

CURACAO.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the issue for this Colony in the new Colonial types already chronicled for Dutch Indies and Surinam. The values 1c to 7½c are in the figure type, with white ground, 10c to 30c, small Wilhelmina and 50c to 2½g, large Wilhelmina. The small values are perforated 12½, and the three high values 11 x 11½.

Adhesives.

1c olive.
2c yellow brown.
2½c green.
3c orange.
5c carmine.
7½c gray.
10c rose.
12½c blue.
15c olive.
22½c brown red.
25c violet.
30c magenta.
50c green.
1½g violet.
2½g rose.

Post Cards.

2½c green on green.
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16 U. S. Postage, 1908-10.	12 Dutch Indies.	10 Peru.
7 U. S. Commemorative.	5 Ecuador, 1881.	10 Philippines.
5 U. S. Parcels Post.	6 Ecuador, 1894-95.	3 Philippines, Aguinaldo.
8 U. S. Postage Due.	6 Ecuador, Official.	10 Porto Rico.
20 U. S. Envelopes.	10 Egypt.	15 Portugal.
10 U. S. Civil War Revenues	10 Finland.	10 Portuguese Colonies.
10 N. Y. Revenues.	30 France.	8 Port. Col. "Republica."
10 U. S. Documentary 1898.	5 France Unpaid.	8 Prussia, Official.
7 U. S. Document'y \$ values.	10 French Colonials.	10 Queensland.
30 U. S. Postage.	12 French Pictorial.	20 Revenues foreign.
10 Argentine.	5 East Africa.	20 Roumania.
3 Azores.	5 St. Pierre.	4 Roumania, Unpaid.
30 Austria.	3 Somalis.	18 Russia.
9 Austria Due, 1900.	4 Guinea, head.	10 Salvador.
9 Austria Due, 1910.	4 Madagascar.	10 Salvador, Official.
15 Australia.	30 Germany.	10 Salvador, Unpaid.
6 Barbados.	30 Great Britain.	8 Serbia.
12 Bavaria.	20 Great Britain Colonies.	25 Spain.
20 Belgium.	15 Greece.	8 Straits Settlement.
5 Belgium Jubilee, 1894-97.	7 Greece, 1901.	25 Sweden.
8 Belgium Packets.	10 Guatemala.	8 Sweden, Official.
7 Bolivia, 1894.	7 Hamburg Envelopes.	20 Switzerland, early.
15 Brazil.	6 Hayti.	20 Switzerland, late.
12 Bulgaria, 1886-93.	5 Hayti, 1904.	8 Transvaal.
9 Bulgaria, 1889.	4 Hawaii.	6 Tasmania.
7 Bulgaria, 1901.	8 Honduras.	6 Trinidad.
7 Bulgaria, 1911.	4 Honduras, 1907.	10 Turkey.
8 British Guiana.	7 Honduras Official.	6 Venezuela, 1899.
20 Canada.	4 Holkar.	7 Venezuela, 1900-3.
6 Canal Zone.	8 Hongkong.	4 Venezuela, 1900-5.
12 Cape of Good Hope.	20 Hungary.	5 Venezuela, Miranda.
10 Ceylon.	18 India.	10 Victoria.
10 China.	20 Italy.	10 Wurtemberg.
12 Chile.	8 Jamaica.	*15 Postal Cards, all unused.
4 Chile 1905-9.	20 Japan.	*15 Postal Cards, different
4 Chile 1904, surcharged.	10 Japan Rev., fine and showy.	from above.
12 Colombia 1881, etc.	8 Mauritius.	*15 Postal Cards, different
10 Colombia 1902, etc.	15 Mexico.	from above.
7 Colombia 1905.	10 Mexico Revenues.	*15 Postal Cards, different
10 Costa Rica.	4 Montenegro.	from above.
8 Costa Rica, 1901-10.	20 Netherlands.	*12 Entire Envelopes and
6 Costa Rica, 1907.	10 Netherlands Colonies.	Wrappers, unused.
4 Crete.	6 Newfoundland.	*12 Entire Wrappers & Envs.,
6 Crete, 1910.	10 New South Wales.	unused, 2nd different.
15 Cuba, 1886, etc.	10 New Zealand.	*12 Entire Wrappers & Envs.,
15 Cuba, later issues.	10 Nicaragua.	unused, 3rd different.
6 Cuba, 1900.	10 Nicaragua Official.	*12 Entire Wrappers & Envs.,
8 Cuba, 1910-11.	8 Nicaragua Unpaid.	unused, 4th different.

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Post Card.
5 øre, surcharged "SB" in green.
Letter Card.
10 øre surcharged "SB" in black.

EGYPT.—In No. 1258, we chronicled a new official stamp, with a new design for the Arabic characters. *Scott's Circular* now chronicles the same overprint on two of the pictorial set, the 1m olive brown and 3m orange.

GERMANY.—*Offices in Belgium*.—The New England Stamp Co. is informed that the higher values of the current set have also been surcharged "Belgien" and new value for use in Belgium.

Adhesives.
50c on 40pf lake and black.
75c on 50pf magenta.
1fr on 80pf lake and black on rose.
1fr 25c on 1m carmine rose.
2fr 50c on 2m gray blue.

INDO-CHINA.—This Colony has joined the procession with a Red Cross stamp, the 10c red and black of 1907 having been surcharged with a red cross and "5c" in the upper left corner.

Provisional Adhesive.
10c and 5c red and black and carmine.

NEW BRITAIN.—The *Australian Philatelist* is informed that a further supply of German New Guinea postage stamps has been seized at Kawienang. They are at present in the hands of the Government printer, and when surcharged, will be on sale at the Post Office.

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"The stamps were overprinted 'G. R. I., and the value in English currency. The reason for the limited supply, there being only 17 complete sets, from '1d up to 5sh in the issue, is that the postmasters of the various towns had received orders from the German Government at the outbreak of war, to burn all stamps in the event of there being any likelihood of a foreign nation occupying the territory.

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—FRANK KENYON.

obtainable was 2sh, and then there were only 50 of these at the post office. Needless to say, there was a great rush for the overprinted stamps, which were only made available on the 17th October, and eight hours after they were for sale every stamp had been bought.

Following is a list of the overprinted stamps and their approximate number:
1d on 3pf, 500 5d on 50pf, 700
1d on 5pf, 1050 8d on 80pf, 300
2d on 10pf, 1100 1sh on 1 mark, 100
2d on 20pf, 1000 2sh on 2 mark, 50
3d on 25pf, 500 3sh on 3 mark, 20
3d on 30pf, 800 5sh on 5 mark, 17"
4d on 40pf, 700

PENRHYN ISLAND.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 1sh King Edward stamp of New Zealand surcharged for use in this Colony.

ST. VINCENT.—A provisional stamp is reported from this Colony by *Ewen's Weekly*, the surcharge consisting of "One Penny" in two lines of heavy black capitals, with a plain rule to obliterate the old value. The surcharge is in red.

Provisional Adhesive.

"One Penny" in red on 1sh black on green.

SWITZERLAND.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new provisional wrapper, the 2c Tell design stamp embossed, being surcharged.

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Another provisional wrapper has been made by placing the new provisional 1c on 2c on the 2c wrapper, thus making 3c postage. The wrappers are issued by the Post Office thus. The 3c Tell design has been issued in a deeper shade of violet than the previous issue.

"FILLS A GAP."

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* thus reviews Poole's "German States":—

Coming at the present time, the subject of this handy work will not appeal very strongly to British philatelists, for it cannot be denied that, if collectors over here have not definitely eschewed the stamps of Germany, they are certainly not running after them.

Be this as it may, the articles contained in this book, which are reprinted from MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, present the most concise account of the stamps of the German States which has yet been published.

The author, Mr. B. W. H. Poole, is a philatelist who is equally at home in what we may term (without giving offence, we hope) compilation articles, as in original research. Our readers know him well in both styles. The work under notice belongs to the former category. Although it contains very little that was not known before, it does not appear to have omitted any important fact which has been published on the subject in all the vast library of philatelic literature, and it is an extraordinary fact that until now no book in the English language deals with the stamps of Germany, with the exception of Westoby's *Stamps of Europe*, which was published very many years ago. This book, therefore, fills a gap in the philatelic library of which, we do not doubt, many will take advantage.

The plan of the book is simple and makes reference easy. The States are taken alphabetically. A short geographical and historical account introduces each subject. Then follows a description of the stamps with a reference list at the end of each issue. Particulars by which the inexperienced may recognize reprints are lucidly given wherever possible.

Perhaps the most interesting chapter of all is that on Bergeford, to which is appended a letter from Mr. John Paalzow, the son of the Director of Posts of Bergeford, whose school-boy collection was examined in search of some design which might serve as a guide for the projected issue. But it is difficult to single out any chapter from a work which is distinctly above what we have come to expect in modern "Hand-books."

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EXPOSITION POSTMARKS.

The Post Office Department has established upon the grounds of the Panama-Pacific Exposition a Model Post Office; this office is a station of the main San Francisco office. We have knowledge from official sources that the following dies are being used to stamp mail at the Model Post Office; machine—rectangular type as used by the San Francisco office for advertising the Exposition—reading: MODEL POST OFFICE—PANAMA—PACIFIC—INTERNATIONAL—EXPOSITION in five lines, the second two of which overlap each other. Machine—familiar flag type as used by San Jose for above purpose—reading: MODEL—POST OFFICE—PANAMA—PACIFIC—INTERNATIONAL—EXPOSITION, in five lines. Machine—waved line type as used by Berkeley—reading: MODEL POST OFFICE—PANAMA—PACIFIC—INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, in three lines. Handstamp—ordinary duplex type with number 1 in oval—reading: MODEL P. O. STA.; handstamp—received, without obliterator—reading same as previous one; package stamp—ordinary oval line type, reading M. P. O. in center of small oval. These interesting special postmarks will no doubt be eagerly sought for by not only regular postmark enthusiasts, but by collectors in general. Quantities of these items promise to be difficult to obtain.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

Boston, March 16, 1915.

On the evening of March 16, after an auction sale for the benefit of the Society's library, the 334th (regular) meeting of the B. P. S. Inc. was called to order by the President at 8.20 P. M. with 35 members and friends present. The subject of a stereopticon for the use of the Club was discussed and a committee appointed to investigate same. Mr. Alfred E. Owen then entertained the members with an interesting talk on U. S. Plate Numbers, and exhibited his fine collection of same.

The following new members were elected: Messrs A. M. Wright, No. 603; Roger Batchelder, No. 604; Walter D. Swan, No. 605; James S. Bell, Jr., No. 606, and S. G. Bixby, No. 607.
FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

UNSOLICITED APPROVAL SELECTIONS.

In answer to a number of queries, I think that it is advisable to take up this question in detail. Mr. D—, of New York State, writes that since his name was published once as a collector, he has "received sheets from all four ends of the earth, and some parts of New Jersey." He states further that he has paid \$1.40 in return postage during the last two months, as very few of the "varmints" enclosed their own postage. He has at present six fine lots worth about 15c each awaiting return, and wishes to know what action he should take to rid himself of these pests. While his case is a little more flagrant than some, yet all are annoying and should be remedied. Any dealer that is so hard up for trade that he has to resort to this method of thrusting his goods where they are not wanted, should quit the business and sell shoe laces on the corner. Suppose you received a large lot of merchandise from a store, without ordering it. What would you do? Undoubtedly, you would summon the merchant to remove it before you threw it out. Why, then, when you receive an unsolicited approval selection should you encourage this practice by buying stamps from it?

There are several methods which will eradicate this evil. One collector wires the dealer collect to send return postage and registration for his lot, else same will be disposed of. The lengthier he makes the message, the more apt the dealer is to discover that his practice does not pay. Another man returns the lot by express, collect, and carefully puts a brick or two in the package for ballast. A third man deducts stamps listing at 60c, assuming them to be worth a fifth of catalogue, for his trouble. This is not so good, as what collector wants to load up with this trash? These methods appear small to most of the big-hearted collectors, and they are, but the evil in question is such that only a few treatments as above will exterminate it. Kind words and harsh language alike has no effect on these dealers, who can only feel a contraction of the pocket-book.

THE SCARCEST STAMPS CATALOGING UNDER \$1.

This subject has been treated several times in these columns and elsewhere. However, all articles and lists were compiled by advanced collectors and dealers who, while they are in touch with the demands of philately, may not be as familiar with the hard-to-get common stamps as the collector who is faced with the problem of getting these stamps. As all collectors are interested more or less with the financial side of collecting, and since the value of a stamp is regulated by the law of supply and demand, it is important that collectors keep posted on the "scarce" though low-priced stamps. Experience has shown that it is the "scarce" stamp that increases in value first.

In order to get inside information on this subject from the collectors themselves, I will appreciate it very much if every one of you will send me a list of some of the stamps you have tried to get and have had unusual difficulty in obtaining. Not the ones that you have made no effort to get, but the ones that you feel are really very scarce. In studying this subject, I believe it best to consider nineteenth and twentieth century separately, so will thank you to distinguish these two classes on your list, and mark each separately. The results of this study will appear in these columns, and will enable everyone to benefit by the experience of his fellow-collectors. Limit your lists to stamps cataloging \$1.00 or less by Scott 1915, and if used is common and the unused scarce, or vice-versa, so state.

This is a subject of importance to all

collectors. If you would profit by your study, learn the scarce stamps. Let's hear from every one of you, and at least fifty, with lists of "goat-getters" and get close to the market on these elusive ones. I will secure the services of a prominent dealer to pass on these lists and give his idea of the scarcity of the stamps in question.

SONORA AND MEXICAN REBEL STAMPS.

I have been repeatedly asked to judge of the merits of these stamps and heretofore have said little about these items. As a collector of them myself, I am firmly convinced that they are in the most part legitimate issues, though there are a few undesirables. I would advise all collectors to secure anything in this line that they can obtain, but do not advise paying very high prices excepting where the stamps are known to be O. K.

THE "QUESTIONS" CONTEST.

Below is a further list of ten questions, the answers to which will appear next week. See how many of these you can answer correctly, and check them up next week. Do not send them to me, as no prizes are offered for these answers. You may and should use your catalogues. It is the purpose of these questions to increase your knowledge of stamps in general, both of the cheaper varieties and the rarities. As collections differ, it would be impossible to limit these questions to stamps that every collector has, therefore, since the use of the catalogue is essential, why not study the rarities as well as the cheaper varieties? This is in explanation to queries concerning the stamp inscribed with Postmaster Johnson's name, which so few collectors could place. However, these questions will be confined chiefly to the stamps within reach of the average collector and only occasional reference to the rarities will be made. It would be a good plan for collectors to try to answer these questions without their catalogues, and to resort to the book only when necessary.

1. What stamp pictures Jose M. Canas?
2. What stamp pictures O'Higgins?
3. What stamp bears the inscription "Inland" and value "3 cents"?
4. What series bears the word "continent"?
5. What stamp is surcharged "Ava Pene" and name of country?
6. What stamp pictures the "Escuella de Medicina" (School of Medicine)?
7. What series is surcharged "Kemah-kotaan"?
8. What series are inscribed with the dates "1607-1907"?
9. What stamp pictures the Steamer "Clairmont"?
10. What stamp pictures Cape Bonavista?

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M. H.—Imports of stamps from Newfoundland, especially at this season of the year, when navigation perhaps is almost closed between Newfoundland and U. S., take longer than three weeks. Possibly, you will have to wait as many months. I doubt if you will be able to

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pick up much in Newfoundland, as I learned recently that practically everything is sold out, but a large lot of reissues is rumored.

M. O.—The value of your 90c August and 3c imperforate National issue depends largely on condition. The 90c August is a very rare stamp, so rare in fact, that I wonder if you have one or whether you are mistaking another stamp for this rarity. These Augusts are confusing and sometimes even the experts are in error. A recent quotation on this stamp is \$300.

Your 3c National imperforate can hardly be priced in this condition as these imperforates are so easily made from proofs or by trimming perforated copies, that they are not in demand excepting in pairs or blocks. I have seen single copies of these things sell from 50c to \$2.50 though pairs often bring many times these prices, depending upon condition and scarcity.

G. T.—While there is not very much demand for the broken "I" surcharge on the 1902 Philippines, I have seen them sell for around 50c. The broken "H" is considerably better, and is offered for \$2.00.

I cannot find a France 5c type A14. I think you will find this to be type A8, being No. 40 cataloging 35c used, and issued imperforate.

Your Tasmania stamp with double perforation at the bottom is only interesting as a freak and has little added value for this reason. It might be worth a trifle more to a specialist.

H. D. W.—Your 10 shilling King Edward inscribed "Consular Service" is not a postage stamp, hence would not be included in Scott's catalogue. I do not know its value.

Stamps surcharged "Specimen" usually sell for twenty-five to fifty cents, except in cases of special rarities or high values, and these do not command nearly as good prices as the unsurcharged or ordinary stamps. "Specimen" stamps are not available for postage, but are used as samples and are distributed to the Postal Union or through favor to individuals. I have, however, seen low values bring more as "Specimen" copies than the ordinary, where the latter are very low in price. Specimen copies are scarce, but there is little demand for them.

The stamp you illustrate is a local used in Helsingfors, Finland. I have never followed these locals, as they are a study in themselves, so can't give you the value. Some are quite good, and command fair prices when the proper buyers are reached.

H. H.—I don't believe it will pay you to gather the current 4c and 5c stamps. These only bring five or ten cents a hundred soaked and bundled, and I would hate to count and soak them for that. The 10c Honduras blue recently replaced by the brown 10c will be quite good and I suggest that you hold them. The Jamaica and Trinidad 2½c are worth about 60c per 100; the Canal Zone 1c and 2c about 40c; the Panama 2c is slightly better. Soak the stamps, putting a little salt in the water, to remove them from cover. I suggest you trade them to some dealer doing a wholesale business for stamps of other varieties. These are not at all rare and I doubt if you could get much for them, though you might get a good exchange. The new Canal Zone and Panama commemoratives should be desirable.

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THE 10 PERFORATION.

By J. M. BARTELS.

Wide awake collectors knew six weeks ago that the following postage stamps had been issued with the new perforation:

Ordinary, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30c and \$1.00, the latter only double lined watermark; Panama Pacific, 1, 2, 5c; Special Delivery, 10c; Postage Due, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c; Philippines, 2 cvs. in booklets.

None of the following had been even printed, perf. 10 up to the first of this month: Ordinary 50c, Panama Pacific 10c, Postage Due 30c and 50c. It is not probable that the \$1.00 stamp will appear with the single line watermark. There is still a good supply of the old paper on hand and the \$1.00 stamp will continue to be printed from the small plates with only 200 subjects instead of 400.

It has not been finally decided whether perforation 10 is to become a permanent thing with U. S. stamps. It is, however, quite certain that we will not go back to "12." In case the present scale fails to give the satisfaction desired after the sufficiently long test has been made, the wheels may be changed to perforate "11." This would be unfortunate from a philatelic standpoint, but perhaps more desirable for the public. The change from 12 to 10 was made because the sheets did not hold together very well and particularly were poorly adapted for coiling purposes with such weak perforations. Block collectors are much pleased with the stronger perforation. Unfortunately, the centering is frequently very poor and it is quite difficult to find any perfect copies in many of the sheets. We have never seen a sheet in which even 80% of the stamps were perfectly centered.

It is of course, erroneous to believe that the sheets with new perforation were printed on the rotary presses. The only one so far at work has been used exclusively for 1c and 2c stamps coiled horizontally.

The first machines installed to perforate 10 began work on September 4, 1914. Gradually all were changed to this scale and on November 4th the last stamps were perforated old style 12. No records were kept in the interval as to which perforation was used in any individual case. The wheels now in use have 160 pegs perforating 10 (10 holes in two centimeters, an internationally adopted scale) while the old ones had 192. To perforate 11, 16 pegs would be added to the amount necessary to perf. 10. A change to perforate 11 would not be a serious technical matter.—Philatelic Gazette.

BELGIAN IDYL IN HOLLAND.

By OTTO WEISMANN.

Even in our own country, the Netherlands, and certainly also in Belgium, the majority of the population did not notice until shortly, that besides the little part of the province of West-Flanders between the little river Yser and the French frontier, where the waves of war are going highest, there is still other Belgian territory, not only free from invaders, but also happy and safe.

Baarle-Hertog (French: Baarle-Duc) is the name of a little community with about 800 inhabitants, inaccessible to the Germans, as it is totally surrounded by Netherlands territory, about two miles from the Belgian main country, and forming one village together with the Dutch community Baarle-Nassau.

Why this tiny bit of soil still belongs to Belgium, nobody can tell. The only reason may be that it has always been so, these five hundred years and reverence for historical facts is strong in the Low-Lands.

Special interest for the stamp collector is found in the circumstance, that the little village Baarle-Hertog, is gifted by a post office where Belgian stamps are still obtainable and still being used. Same as the Belgian stamps with Havre special, obliteration, the postmark "Baarle-Hertog-Baarle-Duc" with date of war time will always remain of philatelic and historical value.

NO PHILIPPINES PERF. 10 AS YET.

We are indebted to H. F. Colman for the following information gleaned from a letter received from the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing: "In reply to your letter of the 30th instant, will say that the last order shipped by this Bureau, of Philippine stamps, was on August 28, 1914, or prior to the time when we commenced the coarser perforations, therefore none of the Philippine stamps shipped in fulfillment of the above order was of the 10 perforations."

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Chester J. Moore sent an approval selection to one Carl W. Nolan of Cicero, Ind., in reply to a request. References were given which Mr. Moore failed to investigate until later, when the local postmaster advised him that the letters sent were being held as the parties were unknown. Nolan made one call at the Cicero office for an accumulation of mail and this was his first and only appearance in the town. The name is evidently an assumed one and other dealers have no doubt been stung. Moral: Investigate references and be sure they are good ones.

—Wm. J. Walker, Bath, N. Y., is among the missing. Letters addressed to him are returned marked "Moved—Left no address." J. V. Doyle submits correspondence with Mr. Walker requesting approval selections, one letterhead showing Mr. Walker as a dealer in stamps while the other represents him as one engaged in violin instruction. Other dealers may be interested in Mr. Doyle's experiences.

—Melville's Catalog of War Stamps for 1914-15 has been received. It was issued in connection with the exhibition of war stamps held under the management of Mr. Melville in London during the past month. The catalogue is finely illustrated and the stamps are fully described, with vertical columns at the right of each page for the pricing of the various issues, used and unused. Price 7c, postfree.

—We are advised by Dr. S. J. Gittelson of the Empire Stamp Co. that the stock and good will of this company has been sold to Eugene Klein.

An error occurred in the adlet of Benj. L. Davis, March 27. His address was given as Randolph Center, Ct., when it should have been Vermont. This statement will explain any irregularities in correspondence.

—Just now there is a bad road leading from Kalamazoo, Mich. One, Eastman, claiming a residence at 316 E. Main St., gives the WEEKLY as reference and we not only have not given him permission to do this, but have information that leads us to believe that he requires investigation. His name may not be Eastman, it may be Holt, or any other name to get an approval selection.

—D. T. Eaton reports that mail sent to Wm. J. Walker, Bath, N. Y., is returned marked "Moved and left no address." This has already been recorded in the WEEKLY. A similar experience is noted in connection with Chas. A. Clifton of Sugar Creek, Mo.

—G. A. Burgers calls our attention to a mean trick played upon him while a letter was in transit from Rotterdam. Carriage had been paid by two blocks of four of the Jubilee issue of Nether-

lands, and some postal employee helped himself to a pair from each of the blocks. It was Mr. Burgers' intention to have the whole set in blocks of four on the original cover, but he thinks it best to abandon the plan.

—The McGraw Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich., has shut up shop and its manager decamped to parts unknown. Fred R. Schmalzriedt of that city is trying to ascertain whether there are any assets available to secure the various creditors.

—"I beg to inform you that I have received the following values of Hungary 5 filler, 12, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50, 60 Scott No. 87, 90, 92 to 96, 98, surcharged in the same way as the 6 filler Scott No. 88 already chronicled in the WEEKLY."
—C. G. DIETRICH.

—Geo. W. Linn sends us an auction bid sheet entered by a California collector that is in a class by itself. 195 lots are bid upon at 10c each. Mr. Linn has in press a book on "The White and Green Seal Issues of Sonora."

—"Tiajuana, lower California, is now and has been for several weeks. Villa territory. When Villa took over the Northern district there were several hundred sheets of "Gobierno" printed surcharges, issued by Carranza, in both the Ensenada and Tiajuana offices. The stamps were sold as usual under the new Villa government and the only difference was in the accounting, the remittances being sent to Torreón, the Villa Capital, instead of Vera Cruz or Mexico City as formerly. The Carranza postmaster continued in his position, and the surrender was bloodless, the soldiers at Tiajuana and Ensenada declaring that they were thereafter for Villa and against Carranza. The military headquarters and some of the offices of the Capital have been removed to Mexicali, where Col. Estaban Cantu is in command."—W. J. STANTON.

NEW PANAMA DUES.

Clipping from Emil J. Rall.

The new issue of "postage due" stamps to be used between the Panama Canal Zone and the Republic of Panama for letters which carry no postage and consequently are subject to fine, was put into use March 25.

The series of these stamps comprises four values, one, two, four, and ten cents gold. The one-cent stamp bears a picture of the historic fort of San Lorenzo, engraved on it. The two-cent stamp depicts Christopher Columbus, that of four-cents, showing a view of the National Palace, and the one of ten cents a bust of the famous Panamanian engineer, Pedro de Sossa. All of these stamps carry the inscription: "National Posts. Republic of Panama. Due Postage Stamp," and their color is brown.

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As this illness was thought temporary, a short but complete rest being the only cure prescribed, I directed that all mail should be received and filed as usual; but as I have always given my personal attention to stamp affairs without assistance, it was impossible for any other to attend to the mail which has accumulated.

I regret that I have been ill months instead of the weeks thought likely at first and had I considered this at the time, some proper disposition of correspondence could possibly have been arranged for.

All mail is now being opened and answered in order of receipt and it is to be hoped that by the end of the present month everything will be cleared.

In this connection I would desire to express my appreciation of the practically unanimous confidence shown by stamp men all over the world, for among the 500 to 1000 letters before me I have met with but two (or rather two "series") of an unfriendly nature, and these from the very smallest of "small dealers" both of whom had submitted selections of the most trivial character without any solicitation whatever.

To the many friends, who knowing conditions, have expressed sympathy to Mrs. Legg and to myself, I wish to extend my very sincere thanks.

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EDITORIAL.

The Last Word—We have just published our handbook, Number Nine, and it is really one of the most sightly products of the press imaginable. The subject of the pamphlet is: "The U. S. 3c Green 1870-1887"; the writer, H. L. Wiley; and the price, twelve cents. We forbear to describe the little work lest we be suspected of blind partiality but we confidently recommend the book to our readers who may see for themselves what value it is possible to give for this modest price. Make a good beginning on your philatelic library with this indispensable work of reference.

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Right Idea—We are pleased to say a good word for a prospective philatelic publication, the *Stamp Trade*, a paper intended for stamp dealers only which is advertised to appear April 20th, 1915, from Omaha. The necessity for a publication of this character has long been realized by many of us who have felt that the wholesale side of philately, so to say, constituted a special field that required treatment of distinctive kind. A paper intended for dealers only will provide a means for the circulation of intimate news concerning the stamp market while the advertising pages should embody offers that dealers rather than collectors can understand as the same rules do not apply to retail offers as to wholesale. In Europe there have been advertising papers on this order and we shall welcome our contemporary who will be the pioneer here in this important division of commercial philately.

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Mexico Too—Mexico does not wish to be overlooked by those who give attention to the censor's markings on mail emanating from the different countries that have adopted these precautionary measures. We have seen the printed label on letters from Vera Cruz district: "Revisada Por El Censor,"—words which tell their own tale.

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New To Us—From Mr. P. J. Wagner we have received a copy of the 20c

LIQUIDATION SALE

In order to close out the assets of the Empire Stamp Co. of Penna. I have prepared a list of single stamps, collections, supplies and office furniture, which I will send to dealers and collectors on request.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

blue, Bolivia of the "Transacciones" set, with the surcharge in red: "Correos 1912." This stamp seems to be an additional variety of the 1912 surcharged set; and Mr. Wagner says that there were two of these stamps found by him in a lot of three hundred stamps from Bolivia.

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Discontinued—The editor and publisher of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* announces in the issue of his paper dated March 27th, 1915, the suspension of that weekly which for five years has made its visits with commendable regularity. Percy McGraw Mann, the owner of the paper, has found that the duties entailed in guiding the destinies of a weekly publication devoted to stamps exclusively, too arduous and irksome for one person to discharge; and after persisting to the extent of issuing 261 numbers, he retires from the field. We understand that the immediate cause of the decision was the spectre of ill-health as a result of too steady confinement. Mr. Mann says that the steady grind that devolved wholly upon himself was "too much for his health and peace of mind." We are not without sympathy for our co-worker in the philatelic vineyard as we know that the attention to detail in running a weekly stamp paper becomes somewhat of a strain at times. It is axiomatic that if the little things are slighted, any progress that is made is faltering; and time, money and pride all will vanish in the disaster that is likely to overtake the paper.

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Just A Moment—The announcement of the finale of our doughty weekly contemporary affords an opportunity to release a few throbbing thoughts. We are not pessimistic about the trend of philatelic journalism in this country, notwithstanding the discouraging aspects that obtrude themselves at times. There will always be a fair representation of stamp papers. They will come and go but at any given time, a number will be with us; and in that assurance is the chief inspiration of the ambitious publisher as why should not his production be among the elected papers. Any publication launched on "the sea of philatelic journalism" will have a tempestuous voyage before it reaches the port of safety. As a general proposition, the life of a stamp paper is in direct ratio to the power of resistance to adversity of the publisher. If one is in a position to give time and money freely without insisting upon an adequate return and has a pronounced liking for the publishing business and then is content to hold on grimly, the chances for ultimate success at least are even. The test of the publisher of the stamp paper comes when the novelty of production has worn off and the inexorable grind begins. If said publisher cannot extract pleasure enough through his publishing connections to balance the rather doleful entries on the other side of the ledger, he will grow very tired of the work.

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They Ask—On different occasions our views are asked by younger readers about the possibilities of philatelic pub-

lishing; and we shall use the present opening through which to introduce a few words on the subject. Our own belief in our paper and the great structure upon which it is based will not allow us to rail at the support that is given the new stamp paper. It is futile to attempt an indictment of philately because it does not support worthy publishing efforts; nor do we need to attempt here to discover reasons for the apathy of philatelists. We say that if the person is able to make a stamp publication pay, he is not apt to be satisfied with the returns from his restricted field, after he becomes familiar with the ground. Mr. A. Wilkinson Shaw once ran a stamp paper and he may have been making a success of it, but if he had kept at the work he would not be editing *System* now. So we tell the young man that if he is willing to devote a good part of the next ten years, the best of his life, to a stamp paper and possesses a stock of determination and some cash, he may develop a successful stamp paper.

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Getting Together—We have been informed by the publishers of the *Collectors' Blue Book*, of Camden, New Jersey, that they have "bought out the *Stamp Journal*, the *Philadelphia Stamp News* and the *New England Philatelist*." These publications will be combined with the *Collectors' Blue Book*, which will be styled the *Stamp Journal*, combined with *Collectors' Blue Book*. Messrs. Robert J. Wythe, Jr., and Thomas Burnett are the publishers; and Mr. Russell L. Stultz, editor. The *Collectors' Blue Book* has been in existence for over two years and has made something of a name for itself by its readable and well-printed contents. We wish our confreres who have been so suddenly promoted to prominence all success; and we hope that the enterprise that they have just shown will be to the fore in different ways in the future. Definite information as to the manner in which the details of the merger will be forthcoming soon.

THE NEW REVENUES.

By J. M. BARTELS.

The Internal Revenue Bureau furnishes the paper for all revenue stamps. They have not changed from the old double lined letters U. S. I. R. as their watermark.

The first work had to be done in an enormous rush to have the stamps ready by Dec. 1st and this is unfortunate as the low denominations were not up to the usual standard of Bureau workmanship. There was not enough revenue paper on hand and for this reason the Int. Rev. Bureau borrowed from the P. O. D. one and a half million sheets with the single line U. S. P. S. watermark and as is well known this was used for printing the recent revenue stamps. Nearly all lower values have been found on the postage paper.

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By WILLIAM R. RICKETTS, F. R. P. S. L.

The deplorable European war is
 really the reason for the suspension of
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 rocks of philately and one of the oldest
 papers published in the English lan-
 guage, having published thirty-six vol-
 umes and 432 numbers; this is certainly
 quite unusual in English philatelic
 journalism, and is a record that has on-
 ly been surpassed by one or two papers
 in other languages.

This paper was founded in February,
 1879, in memoriam of the late Edward
 Loines Pemberton, by the firm at which
 he had been the head, viz. Pemberton,
 Wilson & Co., formerly of Southamp-
 ton, now (1879) of London, England.

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 Co. were the publishers of volumes I
 through XII, No. 143, Nov., 1890.
 (Messrs. Stanley Gibbons & Co., of
 London, and Stafford Smith & Co., of
 Brighton, also published the numbers
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 December, 1890, (XII, 144), and these
 numbers exist with the imprint of each
 at the end of these monthly parts and
 their advertisements on the cover pages).
 Theodore Buhl & Co., of London, pub-
 lished numbers 144 (XII, Dec., 1890),
 to 204 (XVII, December, 1895) without
 change, but with the January number,
 1896 (XVIII, 1) they combined *The*
Stamp News (published by them since
 January, 1882, IX, volumes in all) with
 it under the title of *Philatelic Record*
And Stamp News, which title was con-
 tinued through number 12 (XXI, Dec.,
 1899) although they ceased to be pub-
 lishers with the October, 1899, number.
 Sir Isaac Pittman & Son published
 number 10 (XXI, Nov., 1899) to 12
 (XXIII, Dec., 1901). With the January
 number (XXII, 1, 1900) the old title
 was resumed and so continued to the
 end. *Philatelic Record* Co. of Man-
 chester, published numbers 1 (XXIV,
 1902) to 12 (XXX, Dec., 1908). Wil-
 liam Lewis & Son of London, published
 the remaining numbers, (XXXI, 1 Jan.,
 1909) to XXXVI, 12 Dec., 1914).

Editors.—Maitland Burnett, edited
 the first seven volumes with the excep-
 tion of a few odd numbers. *W. A. S.*
Westoby, volumes VIII to XVII ex-
 cepting XII, Nos. 7-12 by Major E. B.
 Evans and XIII complete by M. P.
 Castle. *Edward J. Nankivell*, XVIII
 to XXIII 9 excepting XXI 1-6 by
 Theodore Buhl. *W. Dornier Beckton*,
 XXIII, 10, to XXX, 12. *L. W. Fulcher*,
 XXXI to XXXVI.

This journal published a number for
 every month, excepting X, (119-120,
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 combined, and also August and Sep-
 tember, 1898 (XX, 8) there being only
 11 numbers in this volume. Beginning
 with number 25 (III, February, 1881) a
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 which continued to the end. Each
 volume has a title-page and index, and
 the first XVI volumes have a photo-
 graph of some distinguished English
 philatelist as a frontispiece. A supple-
 ment entitled "A Catalogue of Tele-
 graph Stamps, Stamp Forms, etc., By
 the Editor of the *Philatelic Record*
 (Westoby)," was issued with volumes
 X and XI and a supplement "A Cata-
 logue of the postage stamps, envelopes,
 etc., of the United Kingdom during the
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COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor:

I would like a small space in the WEEKLY to ask a few questions, and also to make a protest on behalf of, not a general collector, but one who confines his time to a few countries. If these questions are worthy of an answer I hope to see some comments from you or some of the WEEKLY readers.

In U. S. postage I have been very careful to collect watermarks, perforations, and private perforations as far as possible. Now do you not think it will discourage beginners if Scott should catalogue U. S. revenues, according to watermark? I notice many collectors are very much interested in this part of philately, but suspect that it is mainly the advanced collector. Why not make this distinction in books for specialists written by Melville and Powers, but let the Scott people make no distinction in the 1916 Standard Catalogue. If they do catalogue the watermarks, or if not, it seems to me that "errors" which are not prohibitive in price to the average collector should be recognized. For example I have a block of four of the "Guy Issue" of Newfoundland with four errors "NFW FOUNDLAND": "KING JAMRS" and on the lower stamps of the blocks the misplacing of commas. Now to me these errors constitute a new stamp more than a watermark for not only the specialist, but the advanced collector, and beginner. This block is ignored in the 1915 Catalogue and a number of dealers who price separately each stamp of this country.

Respectfully,

CLINTON L. CHALFANT.

E. A. HOLTON COLLECTION SOLD.

During the past week there have been rumors in Boston of a rather large stamp deal pending. We are now able to make a definite statement, that Frank P. Brown has purchased the personal stamp collection of Eugene A. Holton. Most old-time readers will remember him as an advertiser previous to his selling out his business in 1898. His circulars always stated, "Collector since 1859 and dealer since 1861."

We congratulate Mr. Brown on his acquirement of such a magnificent collection. Details will be found in his advertisement to appear next week.

PARCEL POST REMAINDERS.

By J. MURRAY BARTELS.

On February 26th, the following parcel post and parcel post due stamps were still in the vaults of the Bureau:—

Parcel Post 50c	283,029
" 75c	4,217,949
" 1c	527,219
P. P. Postage Due 1c	1,482,304
" 5c	791,644
" 25c	1,223,364

Regular Postage Due 30c stamps have not been printed since 1901 and there are still enough to last a quarter of a century at least. At the present rate of consumption, the 75c Parcel Post and the 25c Due stamps will be enough to last into the 21st century (note this first reference to the latter in the philatelic press). However, it is quite probable that the stock may be destroyed prior to 1950.—*Philatelic Gazette.*

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U. S. POSTAGE

Lot	Description	Cat.
1	Providence, 10c blk., beautiful vertical pair reprints	..
2	1849, 10c, Gov't reprint, very fine	..
3	1851-56, 1c dk. blue, No. 32Ba, Type IV, un'd wide margins, has stain	2.50
4	1851-56, 3c, used pair, one nicked	..
5	1857-60, 3c, outer line, on cover	..
6	1857-60, 3c, outer line, unused, centered East, good	12.50
7	1857-60, 5c, Type III, used, one straight edge	4.00
8	1861, 3c, used hor. strip of 3, 1 has str. edge, 1 defective, rare in strips	4.00
9	1861, 12c unused, fine	..
10	1861-62, 1c, 2c, 5c, Nos. 63, 73, 76, used, 5c off center, fine lot	1.25
11	1862-66, 2c and 24c gray, off ctr.	.90
12	1862-66, 5c, un'd, off ctr., possibly been washed, but looks well	..
13	1867, 10c, No. 89, used, off center	1.25
14	1867, 2c, No. 93, used; 3c, No. 94, un'd, no gum; both off center	1.75
15	1867, 2c, No. 93; 10c, No. 96; 1879, 15c, No. 189; all un'd, no gum	1.80
16	1867, 3c, No. 94, unused, no gum, off center	1.25
17	1869, 1c, unused, no gum, slightly off center	1.60
18	1869, 2c, 3c, unused, one no gum, off center	1.75
19	1869, 2c (1), 3c (2), unused	2.50
20	1870-71, 1c, grilled; 1888, 30c, No. 217; both used, fine	1.15
21	1870-71, 3c, No. 136, unused, no gum, off center	2.50
22	1870-71, 12c, 1879, 30c; used defect	.90
23	1870-71, 24c, used, slight tear, otherwise good	1.50
24	1870-71, 90c, No. 155, used	1.50
25	Another copy same, used, only fair	.60
26	1873, 12c, No. 162, used, fine	1.25
27	1873, 15c, No. 163, used, off center	1.50
28	1875, 1c, re-issue, No. 133, used	3.38
29	1875-87, 12 var. used & un'd, post.	2.00
30	1879, 5c, No. 185, un'd, thin spot, poor	..
31	1879, 5c, No. 185; 5c gray brown, No. 205b both unused, no gum	2.60
32	1879, 10c, No. 188, un'd, no gum, slightly off center, beautiful	3.00
33	1879 to 1893, 5 var. post.; rev.; Nos. 2993 and 2994; all un'd	1.12
34	1882, 6c, No. 208a, un'd, no gum	2.00
35	1894-95, Nos. 246, 251, 252, 265, unused	1.28
36	1895, 2c, No. 267, un'd, strip of 3, with imprint and plate number	..
37	Louisiana Purchase, comp., 5 var. unused	.83
38	Pan American, comp., 6 var., un'd, fine	.94
39	1902, \$1, used, good	.40
40	2c Lincoln, entire sheet, unused, showing both spacings	12.00
41	2c Lincoln, imperf., used block of 6	..
42	Parcel Post, 75c (2), 1 str. edge; P. P. Dues, 1c (1), 5c (2); all used	1.95
43	Postage Due, 30c, No. 1213, mint vertical block of 6	6.00
44	Postage Due, 30c, No. 1220, fine used strip of 3	1.50
45	95 var. U. S. adhesives and cut squares, used	..
46	100 var. U. S. post., adhesives only few dups, not counted, cat. about	4.00
47	205 var. U. S. postage, revenues and cut squares, cat. over	6.00
48	Envs., 1886, 4c green on oriental buff and on blue, pair unused, entire, rare thus	..
49	Envelope, 3c entire, unused, Bartels' No. 618	1.25
50	Envelope, 1875, 2c, No. 1446B, unused, fine	15.00

U. S. REVENUES.

51	1c Playing Cards, off center	3.00
52	2c Certificate; 5c Express; imp.	.60
53	4c Playing Cards, probably reperf. on right; perfs. cut into design on left; splendid space filler	8.00
54	10c Contract, ultra., No. 2833a, used block of 4, slightly off cent.	1.00
55	25c Insurance, imperf. and part perf., 2 fine copies	.50
56	25c Insurance, double perforations, top and bottom	..
57	25c Warehouse Receipt, No. 2849, vertical pair imperf., punched, otherwise superb	2.00
58	50c Mortgage, pair part perf., top and bottom	2.50
59	50c Probate of Will, part perforate	5.00
60	50c Surety Bond, ultramarine	.50
61	\$3 III Issue, No. 2957	1.50
62	50 checks on Bowery Nat'l Bank, N.Y., with stamps "Bank Check"	..
63	Another lot same, stps. "Int. Rev."	..

FOREIGN.

64	Antigua, 4d, No. 10, used, fine	\$1.25
65	Argentina, 1864-67, 5c, No. 8, pin hole	10.00
66	Bahamas, 4d, No. 14, used, slight tear	2.00
67	Barbados, 1/4d, No. 15a, used	2.50
68	Barbados, 1871, 1d, No. 29, used	1.00
69	Barbados, 1d, No. 33, used, off cent.	1.00
70	Bavaria, 1867, 9kr, No. 18, used, trimmed close	1.25
71	Bavaria, 6kr, No. 21, used, thin spot	.75
72	Belgium, 40 postage and postal pack- et stamps, used	..
73	Bermuda, 1865, 1d, No. 1, used, fine	.75
74	Bermuda, 2d, No. 2, used, 1 str. edge	.75
75	Bermuda, 3d, No. 6, used, slight tear, otherwise good	3.50
76	Bolivia, 1899, 1b, No. 68, un'd, fine	.60
77	Brazil, 30r, No. 15, unused	1.25
78	Brazil, 260r, No. 74, used	1.75

79	Br. Colonials, 10 var., used and un'd, all damaged, Cat. about	12.00
80	Br. Colonials, 28 env., wrappers, cut square, 4 unused	..
81	Brunswick, 189r, No. 17, used, tear	2.50
82	Canada, 1859-64, 2c, unused	1.75
83	Canada, 10c, No. 16, unused, perfs., all cut off	7.50
84	Canada, 10c, No. 16, unused, no gum, corner perf. gone, not well centered	7.50
85	Canada, 10c, No. 16a, used, off center	1.00
86	Canada, 10c, No. 16a, pen canc., good	1.00
87	Canada, 1897, 6c Jubilee, No. 55, un'd	1.00
88	Canada, \$2 Jubilee, No. 62, used	1.50
89	53 common Canada and Cuba	..
90	Canada, 1903-08, 1c, 100 used copies	1.00
91	Cape Good Hope, 3d on 4d, No. 28; 6d, No. 37; used	1.10
92	Ceylon, 2d, No. 4, used, good	1.50
93	Ceylon, 1913, 1 rupee, white back, mint	..
94	Chile, 1912-13, 10c, No. 116, 100 used copies	3.00
95	China, 5c, No. 3, used, fine	.75
96	China Treaty Ports, 20 var. unused locals	..
97	Colombia, 20c, No. 82, used	2.00
98	Cuba, entire unused envelope, 2c red on amber, No. 506	..
99	Denmark, Nos. 2, 7, 7a, and 9, used, with German cancellations, fine lot	..
100	Dominica, 6d "Revenue," No. 102, used for postage, on part of cover, with postmark and registration stamp	..
101	Dom. Republic, 1881, 7 var. envelopes cut square, used	..
102	Dom. Rep., 1880, 10 sets envs., cut square, used	..
103	Egypt, Official, 1865-90, 16 var., odd circular stamps, long obsolete	..
104	France, 1849-50, 1fr, No. 9, used, trimmed close, tear	2.00
105	Fr. Colonies, 1879, 10c, No. 41, used, fine	1.00
106	Fr. Colonies, 1877, Nos. 29, 32, 35, 43, all used	1.15
107	Gambia 1886-87, 3d slate, unused block of 4, single CA sideways, very fine	..
108	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, So. Dist., 30kr orange, No. 52, used, trimmed close, good	5.00
109	Germany, Thurn & Taxis, So. Dist., Nos. 47, 54, 51, used, latter has long cut	1.33
110	Germany, No. Post. Dist., No. 11, used, small tear	1.25
111	German States, 17 var. used and unused, cat. about	4.00
112	55 common German stamps on covers, interesting	..
113	Gibraltar, 1889, 5c, No. 22, used, postmarked "Casablanca"	..
114	Gt. Britain, 1sh, No. 28, used, perfs. cut at bottom	1.00
115	Gt. Britain, 1867, 5sh, used, corner gone, off center	2.50
116	Gt. Britain, 1872-74, 3d, unused, one str. edge	1.75
117	Gt. Britain, 4d, No. 69, Plate No. 16, used, fine	.65
118	Gt. Britain, 1883-84, 2 1/2d & 3d, unused, no gum	1.65
119	Gt. Britain, Levant, 1 1/2d, No. 1153, unused pair, chalky paper, superb	1.20
120	Gt. Britain, 1892-93, compound envelopes, cut sq., unused, Bright's Nos. 173, 179, 185	..
121	Gt. Britain, compound wrappers, 1/4d & 1d, King Edward, 5 used entire	..
122	Lot 116 common English stamps on covers	..
123	Gt. Britain, Newfoundland, Gibraltar, Victoria, 11 var. cut sq. envelopes & wrappers, un'd, face 65c	4.00
124	Hamburg, 2s, No. 6, used	..
125	Hanover, 1859-61, 3g, No. 23, used, trimmed close	1.00
126	Hawaii, 1894, 5c, No. 9a, unused, "Specimen"	..
127	Hawaii, 1855, 5c, No. 9, unused, damaged	10.00
128	Hawaii, 1883, 5 var. cut sq. envelopes, used and unused, including the scarce No. 203	1.85
129	Hong Kong, Nos. 8, 17, 36, used, one str. edge	1.15
130	Hong Kong, Nos. 9, 10, 17, used, No. 10 perfs. partly missing at right	1.15
131	Greece, 1901, 1 lepton, imperf., No. 105a, used, fine	..
132	Japan, 50s carm., No. 72, used, fine	.75
133	Japan, 1883-92, 1s, 2s, 4s, 5s, 10s, 15s, 25s, all un'd, one damaged	1.07
134	Lagos, 2d King Edward, No. 52; beautiful pair on cover, with 1/4d So. Nigeria; registered and postmarked "Lagos-Southern Nigeria" pink of condition	..
135	Marshall Islands, 10pi, No. 15, surcharged "G. R. I.—2d"; fine, unused; recently advertised at \$6.50; very rare	..
136	Marshall Islands, 20pi, No. 16, surcharged "G. R. I.—2d"; fine, unused; recently advertised at \$6.50; very rare	..
137	Mauritius, 4d, No. 35, unused, tear	1.25
138	Mexico, 4r, No. 11, used, pin hole, fine	2.50
139	Mexico, 1868, 12c, No. 66, serrate perf., rare used, fine	..
140	Mexico, 1890, 5c, No. 216, unused strip of 5, superb	.50
141	Mexico, 1894, 1c, No. 232, unused, beautiful	1.25
142	Mexico, 1894, 10c, No. 240, perf., 5x11, unused, no gum, good	1.00
143	Mexico, 34 assorted, used & unused	..
144	Mexico, 89 assorted, used, cat. over	1.50
145	Lot 54 common Mexican stamps on covers	..
146	Mexican Revs., 15 vars., as is	..
147	Montserrat, 1884-85, 1/4d, No. 7, used, damaged, poor	7.50
148	Nabha, Service, 1/2a, No. 33, un'd block of 6, two creased	1.50
149	Nabha, 1903, 1/2a, No. 118, unused block of 6	1.50
150	Nabha, Service, 1903, 1/2a No. 118, unused block of 9, fine	2.25
151	Netherlands, 1872-75, 15c, No. 28, unused, no gum	1.00

152	Lot common New Zealand stamps on covers	..
153	Nicaragua, 1869-80, 7 stamps, used and unused, 2 dups.	4.25
154	Nova Scotia, 10c, No. 12, used, corner gone, design all there	1.50
155	Oldenburg, Nos. 16 & 18, unused, one soiled	1.00
156	Oldenburg, 1/2g, No. 22, unused, no gum	3.00
157	Orange Riv. Colony, Nos. 16 and 23, unused	1.25
158	Orange Riv. Colony, 1896, 1/4d on 3d No. 40c, fine used copy, rare thus	..
159	Orange Riv. Colony, 1d, "V. R. I." unused block of 4; one stamp having stop after "I" on line; Gibbons' No. 104	..
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163	Paraguay, 1910, 75c, No. 196a, unused half, perf. diagonally	..
164	Peru, 2c, No. 29, used; Nos. 115 & 124, unused; Arquipa, No. 23a, unused, fine	1.85
165	Peru, 1c, No. 80, used	.75
166	Philippines, 1864, 25c, used, wide margins	1.25
167	Philippines, Nos. 106, 107, 108, 109, 111, 136, unused; Nos. 105, 110, unused; fine lot	3.45
168	Philippines, 12 var. "O. B." surcharges, used	..
169	Philippines, 50 assorted stamps	..
170	Prince Edward Island, 1d, No. 4, thin spot, off center, unused	1.50
171	Prussia, 2sg, No. 7, used, thin spot	1.25
172	Roman States, 1852, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4a, 8, 8a, 9, two unused; genuine originals	1.32
173	Roman States, Nos. 1, 1a, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, one defective; average lot	1.37
174	St. Christopher, 1884, 4d gray, un'd block of 4	.80
175	St. Lucia, 1/4d, No. 27a, Die A, un'd	..
176	St. Helena, 1882, 1sh, No. 32, used, one str. edge	3.00
177	St. Vincent, 5d on 6d, No. 57, un'd, fine	1.00
178	St. Vincent, 3d on 1d, No. 61, un'd, centered to right	.60
179	Salvador, 1896, Postage Due, 1c and 2c, imperf., unused, wide margins	..
180	Saxony, 5ng, No. 20, used, perfs. cut into design at top	1.00
181	Seychelles, 1903, 3c on 18c, No. 50, unused	.75
182	Seychelles, 1903, 3c on 45c, No. 51, unused	.45
183	Sierra Leone, 1884-92, 1 1/2d, No. 25, unused block of 4	1.00
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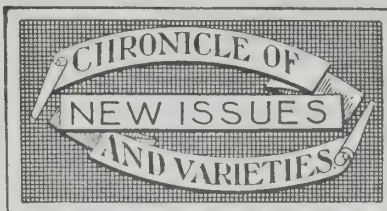
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dues received since last report from 206, \$1.00; 156, .50; 37, \$1.00; from sale of bulletins, \$2.00; total, \$4.50.

Resignation, Percy McG. Mann. Notice of dues have been sent to all members now in arrears. Please give this attention.

S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.
ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Mar. 31, 1915.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Charles P. Chasmar, D. D. S., was the first to call our attention to the fact that some of the current 2c stamps had been found perforated 10x12. Those thus far found have been postmarked Philadelphia. The following from a letter from Director J. E. Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, to Dr. Chasmar, is self-explanatory.

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, in which you request to be advised whether the canceled 2 cent ordinary postage stamps enclosed by you is genuinely perforated ten by twelve.

"In reply I beg to state that the stamp which you enclose has two kinds of perforations, the top perforations being small while the side perforations are coarse. For your information, I would state that the top and bottom perforations were made on one machine, while the sidewise perforations were made on another. As it was not possible when the change was made to coarse perforations, to change all the perforating wheels on all the machines, simultaneously, some of the stamps were perforated in the manner in which you found the canceled stamp that you forwarded to this Bureau. All stamps, however, now being perforated by this Bureau are of the coarse perforations."

AUSTRALIA.—New chapters are being unexpectedly opened in the philatelic history of the Dominion. Late mails from Australia have brought not only the 4d King George, chronicled in No. 1265, but new 1/2d and 5d stamps of the same design as the 1d surface printed King George stamps. The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the following:

Adhesives.

1/2d emerald green.

5d yellow brown.

Even's Weekly chronicles a new wrapper with the 1d King George stamp on toned manila paper.

Wrapper.

1d red on manila.

Frank P. Brown & Co. have shown us unused copies of the new 1/2d and 5d stamps, of the King George design, as noted above.

CANAL ZONE.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us a pair of the 10c U. S. Postage Dues, overprinted "Canal Zone," on which the final "E" has fallen out of place and tipped forward.

GERMANY.—Offices in China.—Arthur Russell calls attention to the fact: "that all mail from the German settlement in Shanghai which formerly bore German stamps with the usual surcharge now comes from even German houses generally with American stamps, though from other houses which sometimes have Hong Kong stamps. I suppose this really is because the overland German mail is not running any more and not that the German surcharged stamps are any scarcer."

GERMANY (Offices in Belgium).—Otto Weismann informs us that some stationery has also received the "Belgien" overprint. We chronicle the following:

Cards.

5+5c on 5+5pf (reply).

10+10c on 10+10pf (reply).

10c on 10pf (letter card).

GREAT BRITAIN.—Morocco Agencies.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us current 2d stamp of Great Britain, surcharged "Morocco Agencies" and new value for use in the British offices in Morocco.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective April 1st, my address will be Greenville, S. C., instead of Spartanburg, S. C. Mountain City Approvals instead of Spartan City Approvals. Premiums given. Reference. W. H. KINARD, GREENVILLE, S. C.

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Adhesive.

20c on 2d orange; black surcharge.

INDIA.—Arthur Russell has shown us another cover from Bombay with the same label on the back, but with a different "Passed Censor—Bombay" stamp on the face. This time it is in the form of a double lined circle with a large figure "9" in the centre.

PATIALA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the 4a King George overprinted for use in this State.

MARSHALL ISLANDS.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the 10pf and 20pf stamps, of the unwatermarked ship type, surcharged "G. R. I.—2d," for use by the British invaders.

NICARAGUA.—Robert B. Hanford reports having seen Scott's No. 330b with double surcharge. Only two copies are known in this country.

TUNIS.—C. G. Dietrich informs us that Tunis has a red cross stamp, Scott's No. 33 having been overprinted with a Red Cross alone.

Red Cross Adhesive.

15c violet on pinkish; surcharged red.

REUNION.—This Colony has fallen into line, and has issued a Red Cross stamp, the 10c rose and gray green of 1907 having been surcharged with a large cross and "5c" in the centre of the stamp. Curiously enough the surcharge is in black. Arthur Russell has shown us a cover with this stamp in addition to a 25c of the same issue.

Red Cross Adhesive.

10c+5c rose & gray green; black surcharge.

ROUMANIA.—C. G. Dietrich reports having seen the 10b postage due stamp overprinted "Timbru—De Ajutor."

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Advertised Elsewhere In This Issue.

Apr. 10—Phila. Stamp Co., Varied.

Apr. 10—Hussman, Varied.

Apr. 10—Co-op. Exch., Varied.

Apr. 20—Bartels, Br. Cols.

Apr. 20—Neefus, All U. S.

Apr. 29—Ohlman, 19-20 Cent.

May 1—Hussman, 20 Cent.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

A DIFFERENT AMERICAN COLLECTION.

In describing the following Western Hemisphere collection, while considerable mention must be made of the completeness of the lot, and also occasional reference made to the rarities, it is the intent of the writer to lay stress on their arrangement, rather than on the stamps themselves. While the stamps present a beautiful appearance, the arrangement will interest the collector who is contemplating improving his album.

For the most part the collection in question is twentieth century. Practically all countries in America are included, and U. S., Canada, Newfoundland, Jamaica, Brazil, Argentine, Uruguay, and Mexico are represented by the nineteenth century, as well.

Instead of using an album, the collector has had prepared some cards of heavy white stock, size 7x10 inches, each with a printed border of plain rule about 3/4 inch from the margin, making a neat frame. These cards are kept in cases made to fit them.

The case itself is quite an innovation. In size it is large enough to hold the cards, yet does not permit them to shuffle and hence rub the stamps. Each case holds one hundred cards without crowding, and allows space for cards to be removed or added without unpacking the box. For purposes of exhibition, the case is arranged in such a shape that when it is unfasted by the hooks on the side, and the top is raised, the body of the case opens in two sections, joined at the bottom by a hinge in the center. In this way, the cards may be taken from one section, examined, and laid face down in the other section, thus keeping them always in order. When the collection in the case has been examined, the sections are folded together and fastened,—thus the cards are kept clean and cannot be mixed. The top is also hinged and is lapped over the two sections to prevent dust from entering, and also to strengthen the box. While the case is a handy article to use, and is especially adapted to transporting the collection, an ordinary filing cabinet of the required size would answer quite as well.

In filing the cards, index markers of metal are fastened to the cards and the necessary information is written thereon. With the aid of this index, any card desired can be located almost immediately.

While personally I prefer an album, this card system has some advantages over the bound book. It is different, decidedly, from the usual method of housing a stamp collection, hence, there is a novelty in looking over a collection arranged thus. Also, the cards may be held in any position to secure the best light, and the true beauty of the stamps is brought to play better. The album is usually too bulky to hold in proper position for the light. Also, the fact that the cards are stiff and flat prevents any damage to the stamps by reason of the page curling, and the appearance of the stamps is greatly benefited by the flat surface. This flat surface is the aim of every album manufacturer, and very few albums, blank or printed, have overcome this evil of pages curving when the book is open.

The stamps are neatly mounted and spaced by aid of drawing instruments. The usual quadrille ruling is omitted from these cards, giving them a neat appearance, yet making it much more difficult to secure accurate spacing. The lettering has been done by hand, and all data of importance is included, such as date of issue, watermark, perforation size, paper variety, name of engraver and manufacturer where known, and if a commemorative, the reason for the issue. All minor varieties are described clearly enough to interest the non-collector.

The collection is very complete in the cheaper values, and many of the rarities are included. Of the most common

stamps, shades, strips and blocks are abundant, and make an interesting display. The majority of these latter are to be had for the labor of searching for them.

As an example of the make-up of the collection, let us consider the Sonora issues of Mexico, which are very complete. The first issue is practically complete, including the "centavob" error. The green seal issue is well represented, not only by single stamps, but by covers and an attempt has been made to reconstruct the sheets of ten varieties. Description of the minor differences which make this possible are included.

In mounting the covers, slits have been cut in the card in such a manner that the four corners of the cover are inserted in them to hold the cover to the card. This is the same principle as applied to the average post card album. Where it is advisable to show the reverse of a cover, for postmark or stamp, the card has been neatly cut away to allow this inspection without removing the cover. In the case of a rarity or where the cover is liable to be damaged, transparent paper has been pasted over the cut portion, making a window and protecting the cover. For appearance's sake, this paper is pasted on the under side of the card, next to the cover.

The Ejercito issue shows beside the postage stamps, the revenue stamp with talon attached; also covers both genuine and made-to-order with revenues used postally, for comparison.

The various surcharges are well displayed, with the several varieties and counterfeits for comparison, and throughout the collection the strange facts pertaining to these stamps are featured. Clippings of interest have been taken from the philatelic press and neatly pasted on the cards. Covers bearing combinations, strips, blocks, odd postmarks, all go to make the collection very unique, aside from the philatelic standpoint. Of course, as these stamps were gathered by a collector in the Mexican vicinity, probably a better display was obtained for a little money than could be gathered now for a great deal more.

And so it goes, throughout the whole collection. Each country is written up in such a manner that it holds the attention of all who view it, and the non-philatelist can understand and appreciate the collection. This is not generally the case, as most collectors who have tried to interest their friends can testify. The charm of the collection lies not so much in the stamps, though they are wonderful, but in the way the issues are explained, and in the odd covers, postmarks, and other bits of postal matter.

These little things that go so far toward taking the edge off a stereotyped collection are not as a rule very expensive, though they sometimes run into money, and more often require a stock of patience to find them. Why shouldn't every collector include them as he runs across them?

THOSE QUESTIONS.

Below are the answers to the questions offered last week. Probably no one had much trouble with these, but let's check up to see if we missed any.

- 1.—The portrait of Jose M. Canas appears on the 4c Costa Rica stamps.
- 2.—The 10c current Chile pictures O'Higgins.
- 3.—The 3c Liberia stamp of 1881 is inscribed "Inland" and value "3 cents".
- 4.—The series of 1880 of Portugal bears the word "continente".
- 5.—The Aitutaki 1/2d King Edward stamp is surcharged "Ave Pene" (being the native dialect for half-penny).
- 6.—Peru 20c issue of 1907 pictures the Escuela de Medicina (School of Medicine).
- 7.—The Johore 1896 series is overprinted "Kemahkotaan".

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8.—The Netherlands De Ruyter set bears the dates "1607-1907".

9.—The Hudson-Fulton stamp of U. S. pictures the steamer "Clairmont".

10.—The 3c Cabot Jubilee stamp of Newfoundland (1897) pictures Cape Bonavista.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. J. R.—United States stamps are at present used in Hawaii, as in Porto Rico, Guam and Shanghai. As these latter places have recently issued precancels, I cannot see why Honolulu should not also. This precancel is probably quite scarce, but I am no expert on precancels.

The bluish experimental paper was used in 1908 by the Government in an effort to secure a paper that would not shrink and would permit of better perforating. Only a very few of the values above 2c were issued. It is possible to imitate this paper, so used copies are not as desirable as unused specimens with original gum. I have never seen any prices on used copies above 2c and for the above reason, I should hesitate to buy these. I have seen fakes of this issue so cleverly made as to be almost impossible to detect, unless compared under a glass with an unused original.

R. G.—The 3c green with arrow-line has no especial value for that reason though a specialist might be induced to pay a slight premium for it if he wanted it very badly. I don't know where you could dispose of it at any more than "high" market price for the ordinary specimen.

I know nothing about the current 1c with unusually wide margins at top and bottom. This is probably due to poor registering of the perforating machine. Possibly it is something new in connection with the rotary printing now used.

C. C.—According to recent advices, only the 1c, 2c, and 5c Coronation stamps are now on sale in Newfoundland. Until recently, certain of the Cabot set high values also the 1898-9 were used, and possibly some of these are still on sale at small offices. There is little use for these odd values, except for sale to collectors. It is rumored that further supplies of the Coronation and Guy sets have been ordered, though I do not know the truth of this.

While your 3c 1857 stamp imperforate at top and bottom is interesting, it is hard to place a value on stamps of this nature unless in pairs to prove the authenticity beyond a doubt, and still harder to dispose of the stamps in this way, as they are so easily made by trimming perforated copies. At auction, a copy undoubtedly genuine would probably bring from two to five dollars, depending upon how badly the buyer wanted it. The fact that your copy is on cover with postmark covering the cuts is good proof that it is O. K. However, these stamps are known trimmed even at time of issue,—not necessarily trimmed with intent to defraud collectors, but trimmed, nevertheless.

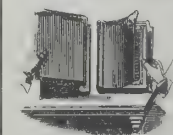
These remarks apply not only to this issue, but to practically all cases where single copies are offered imperforate where they are rarer that way than perforated. Single copies may be all right, but collectors do not want them that way and pay little for them, while pairs are generally in great demand and bring high prices.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT STAMPS.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Department of Justice.

The stamps of the Department of Justice are, unfortunately, too scarce to enable the average collector to make an exhaustive study of them. He must be content with picking up such specimens as come to his hand, rather than by buying them in wholesale quantities for his researches. Notwithstanding this, the collector can, by watching his exchange opportunities, and the sales books which he has the opportunity of inspecting, pick up the "Specimens," town cancellations, and gather a fair number of striking shades at small outlay.

The Department of Justice stamps were issued some time between May 24, 1873, when manufacture of Departments was begun, and July 1, when their use became general in the Department. There were delivered to the Department of Justice before July 1, 1873, 65,400 stamps of all denominations between 1 cent and 90 cents, to the value of \$3,900.

These stamps, in common with those of the other departments, strongly resemble the designs of the current issue. The same profile or portrait are seen in each denomination. The abbreviation "Dept" is placed in the left corner at top; "Of" in the right upper corner, and "Justice" in colorless capital letters curving over the top of the oval. The inscription of value is the same as in the regular issue, with "U" and "S" in shaded six pointed stars in either lower corners.

Mr. Luff gives the following shades: 1c, purple, red purple; 2c, purple, light purple; 3c, purple, red purple, bluish purple; 6c, purple, red purple, bluish purple; 10c, purple, bluish purple; 12c, purple; 15c, purple; 24c purple; 30c, purple; 90c, purple.

To these shades I add—12c, red purple; 30c, bluish purple.

Only one plate was made for each denomination; 100 stamps to the plate. The plate numbers follow:

1c,	No. 85	12c,	No. 91
2c,	No. 90	15c,	No. 99
3c,	No. 28	24c,	No. 115
6c,	No. 77	30c,	No. 110
10c,	No. 97	90c,	No. 113

During the month of February, 1879, the American Bank Note Company printed the 3 cents and 6 cents, Department of Justice on soft, porous paper. These were printed from plates made by the Continental Bank Note Company. They are rather scarce, and make an interesting addition to the collection. It is probable that the combination of soft paper and the ink caused changes in shades, because one finds quite a range of shade, from a decided bluish purple to a marked reddish purple, with several shades between.

The only varieties in the stamps which have been noted are: the 3 and 6 cents on both vertical and horizontal ribbed paper. I am certain that they exist on double paper, and have looked through hundreds of them to find one.

In 1875 the stamps were overprinted with the word "Specimen" in small gothic letters. All denominations were so treated. Ten thousand stamps of each denomination were printed of all, and of the 1 cent an additional 10,000 were printed, making 20,000 in this denomination. These were for use at the Government exhibit during the Centennial. They were sold to the public at face. The following amounts were so disposed of:

1c, 19,729; 2c, 3,395; 3c, 178; 6c, 163; 10c, 163; 12c, 154; 15c, 157; 24c, 150; 30c, 150; 90c, 152.

Two varieties of the "Specimen" stamps exist, although only the first named is generally known—reading, "Specimen" and with small "i." The error in spelling is found in the 1c and 2c, while the one with small "i" I have seen only in the 1c.

In 1884, 1,000 each of the 2c and 3c were reprinted, for what reason the writer does not know.

All of the stocks remaining on hand were burned in February, 1885, including the regularly issued stamps and the Specimens.

Town cancellations, and colored cancellations form an interesting although not necessarily necessary line of study. The proofs both on India paper and on cardboard should be obtained now, while the prices are very low as compared with their scarcity and worth.

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THE MAIN VARIETIES OF THE 2c COLUMBIAN ENVELOPE STAMP.

By A. G. JOHNSON,

1893 No. 54 St., Cleveland, Ohio.

The managing editor of this paper has, on a number of occasions, advised collectors to study their stamps, this being the age of specialism. I heartily agree with him, for there is more pleasure in studying stamps than in acquiring them. You will be astonished at your discoveries if you pursue the study long enough, I assure you. And aside from the pleasure you derive you may make some important and valuable finds. For instance, I have a four ore Denmark stamp on oblong quadrille paper, the only one, so far as I have been able to ascertain, in existence. This stamp cost me a small fraction of a cent. It does not pay the dealers to sort out the cheaper grades of stamps, and in that fact lies your opportunity. Buy a good glass and begin early.

Just to illustrate its possibilities, I subjoin the result of a study of mine of the two cent Columbian envelope stamp, cut-square and canceled, now on the market. They are beauties, and an ornament to any album, as there is a wide range of colors.

By referring to the table below you will see that there are thirty-two main varieties. As for the minor varieties, they run into the hundreds. Study the number and arrangement of the short vertical lines under the neck of Columbus, the shape of the hollows in the tops of the eagle's wings, etc. There is a variety showing Columbus's head flat at the back, another with the fourth—counting from the right—descending, or latitudinal, line of the globe, showing back of the head of Columbus.

These stamps may be purchased from the dealers for about twenty cents a hundred. In a lot of five hundred you will probably find all the varieties. They are, as a rule, lightly canceled, so that there is not much waste. Numbers 2, 5, 8 and 12 are the commonest, and numbers 3 and 29 the scarcest, in the lot I purchased.

Lay off two pages into sixteen squares each, and number them according to the table below. If the third descending line of the globe—counting from the right—shows at the back of the head of Columbus, that is a "Line" variety. If the line does not show, it is a "No Line" variety. "Both Dots" means there are small dots of color in the center balls of the sun and rays ornaments at each side of the stamp, opposite the ends of the eagle's wings. (In some you will find the impression of the die, it having apparently failed to take the ink. These count the same as ink dots.) "Both Periods" means there are periods after both "America" and "Cents." Lay the table before you, and as you find the varieties place them in their proper squares. Your task will be much easier than mine was. I do not claim to be the first to discover the changes and varieties of these stamps, but I do claim to be the first to classify them:—

- 1—Line, both periods, no dots.
- 2—Line, both periods, dot at right.
- 3—Line, both periods, dot at left.
- 4—Line, both periods, both dots.
- 5—Line, no periods, no dots.
- 6—Line, no periods, dot at right.
- 7—Line, no periods, dot at left.
- 8—Line, no periods, both dots.
- 9—No line, both periods, no dots.
- 10—No line, both periods, dot at right.
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- 12—No line, both periods, both dots.
- 13—No line, no periods, no dots.
- 14—No line, no periods, dot at right.
- 15—No line, no periods, dot at left.

- 16—No line, no periods, both dots.
- 17—Line, period after America only, no dots.
- 18—Line, period after America only, dot at right.
- 19—Line, period after America only, dot at left.
- 20—Line, period after America only, both dots.
- 21—Line, period after cents only, no dots.
- 22—Line, period after cents only, dot at right.
- 23—Line, period after cents only, dot at left.
- 24—Line, period after cents only, both dots.
- 25—No line, period after America only, no dots.
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JOHN MYRON HUBBARD.

The Manchester, N. H., *Mirror* gives us a picture and brief biographical sketch of one who is a member of the New Hampshire legislature and well known to the older readers of the WEEKLY as a one-time active dealer from Rochester, which city he is representing at the State House. We reprint the sketch in full:—

For an all around man no representative in the house has anything on John Miron Hubbard of ward six, Rochester. John Miron is the man who put the "vers" in versatility. He did it to music too, for he is a pianist of renown, a composer, a printer, a merchant, a curio collector, a publisher, a philatelist, a statesman and last but not least, a mighty good fellow. He was born in Watertown, Mass., in 1862, but when he was three months old he moved up to New Hampton, this state. Later he removed to Bristol, and then over to Lakeport. It was here that he learned the printer's trade in *Belknap Tocsin* office. In 1883 he left the case and bought out a candy store and added boots and shoes for a side line. Since that time he has stuck to the show business, which he is now engaged in over at Rochester, but he still has a large and numerous side line of hobbies, among them being a press and printing outfit in the back part of his store. His hobbies are stamps; coins, autographs, Indian relics and music. He has a collection of 21,000 postage stamps, which is one of the largest and finest in the state, and which embraces varieties from every country on the face of the earth who ever used them. When a youngster he played a cornet in the band, and now likes nothing better than getting his lower limbs under a piano and his fingers on the keys. He has written and published several selections which were popular, among them being, "Gov. Quinby's March," "Canney's March" and "Small's March," all of which were for the piano. He has also written a number of songs and waltzes. He has published in the past the *Granite State Philatelist*, and the *Curiosity World*. Socially he had been through all of the chairs in the Odd Fellows, also in both the Encampment and Canton, and has taken all of the degrees of this order in both the grand lodge and grand encampment. He also belongs to numerous other orders. In

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Alfred Nemethy, 60 E. 80 St., N. Y. City, applying to the New England Stamp Co. for an approval selection gives the WEEKLY as reference. We are again compelled to state that no collector is authorized to use the name of the WEEKLY in this manner and dealers will be governed accordingly.

—"There was a mistake in the *Prov. Journal's* story of the R. I. Society, from which you evidently took the article in your March 27 number—A. B. Slater, Jr., isn't dead, far from it, he is living a retired life at Slocum, R. I., and when I saw him a week ago looked just as well as ever and he still has a deep interest in stamps and has some good ones, too. Will you please make this correction in your 'News Gleanings' for the sake of his many friends?"—Roy S. BARKER.

—"We are informed by a correspondent that the 10pf Marshall Island stamp has been overprinted 2d and the 20pf German New Guinea has also been overprinted 2d and the German New Guinea registration label has been surcharged 'G. R. I.' 3d, apparently converting an ordinary label into a registration stamp value 3d."—BRIGHT & SON.

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1915, Surch. "Takse" 2 grosh on 50q violet, scarce	?	.60
1914, Surch. "7 Mars" from 2c to 1fr cplt., rare set, 6 var.	?	3.80
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Carl H. Reeves of Seattle, president of the state society, exhibited six frames of rare original covers. Card board proofs of the United States complete were shown by Mrs. Gilbert Holt, while Mrs. T. H. M. V. Appleby displayed a fine collection of George heads. Among the local dealers, a complete Scott line of albums and accessories was shown by the Sloan Stamp Company, while the Far West Stamp Company specialized in current war issues in sheets.

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EDITORIAL.

Extra—We have seen a denomination hitherto unannounced of the current documentary set of revenue stamps. It is the sixty dollars, medallion of Lincoln, in a bistre brown color. The stamp is of the large size of (we suppose) the \$100, \$500 and \$1000 values. One side of the stamp is imperforate and we have been told that each stamp originally has a stub at the side for data as to purchaser, date, etc.

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Stampless—From Mr. R. J. Wagner we have received a cover on which a "Paid 3" impression in the upper right corner is under the postmark, Nunda, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1861. One finds sometimes both on envelopes sent in the north and south about this period, similar provisional markings which show that the postage was paid in cash because stamps were unavailable. Following the bombardment of Fort Sumter, President Lincoln's proclamation calling for 75,000 volunteers was issued April 15, 1861. It was expected that the new set of 1861 would be ready August 1, 1861, but the August issue of the catalogues did not appear until the middle of the month. The smaller offices anticipating the arrival of the new stamps in many instances had sent in the stock of the old stamps to Washington or exchange offices in the larger cities and as a consequence were stampless; and various makeshift expedients were resorted to in order to tide over the barren period. Old hand-stamps were used showing that the postage had been paid and in several instances, envelopes were endorsed as having had the postage on them, "paid in money." Envelopes used during this interregnum are postal curiosities such as appeal to many of our collectors; and they have a historical phase that is readily recognized.

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customs officers are located may be despatched by postmasters to the place of delivery for entry there." We suggest that those who are affected by the regulation consult their postmasters and refer to the order of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, dated at Washington, February 13, 1915.

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It Is So—The great interest that is being shown in the stamps of the United States is having its effect in advancing prices and tempting as it is to enlarge upon the upward strides that they are taking in value and the conditions that are responsible for the concentration of attention upon our own issues, we shall confine our discussion to the philatelic aspects of this "stimulation." The wave of interest is resulting in the closest scrutiny of United States stamps, which are being viewed from all angles. The slightest variations in impression and paper differences are regarded carefully; and cancellations have been promoted to a place of prominence. In other words the stamps are analyzed and following the lead of exceptional students who record their investigations for the benefit of all, a growing body of collectors takes delight in work that does not follow the accepted lines. For instance, the number of collectors who find a fascination in cancellations is not to be ignored and it is somewhat astounding to find how quickly a knowledge of what are the desirable cancellations and similar information have penetrated almost all classes of collectors. It was not long ago when a year dated postmark of 1855 did not mean anything to the great majority and a green cancellation was not esteemed the more because of its color. Now, it seems as if every other collector has his eye peeled for such things.

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Live and Learn—The consequence of the focusing of interest on United States stamps is one that adds to the sum of philatelic knowledge; and additions have been made to the resources of philately by an unfolding of new material. The field of philatelic exercise becomes the larger. Now there is a wealth of lore; and real specialism in U. S. stamps has become a factor; and we do not feel that in comparison with the most advanced countries in this regard we suffer. In fact, it would surprise one to know how many unsuspicious characters can tell the position of this or that stamp on the plate when scanning the one-cent 1851, U. S. It makes our head whirl to think what plastic minds some of our more or less dearly beloved brethren have.

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The Start—Our old friend, Mr. E. B. Sterling of Trenton, New Jersey, began to give heed to the smaller things in United States issues in the '80's and it was in 1889 that Mr. Alvah Davison began to make excursions into the little appreciated land of the unusual and told in the philatelic press what satisfaction, even exhilaration, oddities in U. S. issues afforded; and it is worthy of remark that what in some cases were considered oddities in those days would be accounted only as accidents to-day or in

the light of advanced study of U. S. stamps. We have been assured by the philatelic professors that while no little data has been brought to the fore, there yet remains enough to be learned about our own stamps to fill a set of encyclopedias. More to the point, they have shown us not a few facts that until recently were under the surface and it is fair to say that the deeper they follow the vein, the richer the ore will become.

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Current Revenues—What of the present revenues? and why is not greater interest being taken in them at present? The earlier United States revenues are somewhat in eclipse for the time being but their cycle of popularity soon will come again. It is probable that the current revenues are affected by the recession that has been noticed. There is much to say about the revenues now in use and when belated attention will warm them into activity, there will be a demand for all the information about them. The comparatively short career that is allotted to them will cause some of the values to be desirable, it would seem. Those who are giving time to the stamps and draw conclusions from their observations and a study of the laws as to what stamps are destined for collecting favor will find the reward for their enterprise a tangible one. At first the stamps were used indiscriminately in the sense that the tax was paid by a number of the stamps but now that the law is in working order and all the stamps supposedly obtainable, a regularity in their use is noticed and the odd denominations are not seen usually. In this connection we have been asked under what circumstances the two dollar wines and cordials is used. A reading of the revenue law does not enlighten us particularly and those who have been consulted are not clear on the subject. We ask readers how they have secured this stamp in used condition as we are about to write to Washington for information.

NEARING THE GOAL LINE.

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The mail of Monday, April 12, is entitled to the credit of carrying us very near the line. It was a great subscription mail and we are very grateful to our friends for the evidences of hearty cooperation manifested during the past weeks.

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Mr. Hemond advises us that war tax stamps must be used on letters commencing April 15, each letter being taxed 1c in addition to regular postage. The 2c carmine King George will be treated similarly and this stamp will be used on postoffice money orders. All in all, the two stamps will make an interesting addition to collections of Canada.

We are also indebted to O. Kendall for information in regard to the above, Mr. Kendall asserting that a new 3c stamp will doubtless be issued. The tax can be paid with a 1c regular issue if the special 1c war tax stamp be not available. It no doubt means that a 3c stamp will be produced in the near future.

Later.—We have received from Mrs. E. W. Oughtred two blocks of four of war tax stamps 1c and 2c in what is to be a permanent design. We illustrate the 2c value herewith.



The color of the 2c value is brown and the 1c is orange. We select the 2c for illustration as likely to show more clearly the lines of the stamp.

We are also indebted to R. J. Denison and Arthur Barger for courtesies extended in connection with these new stamps. It seems singular that the WAR TAX engraved on the plate should be followed so quickly by the permanent design and one might well ask why the former was ever put into use. The two designs reached us within twenty-four hours of each other.

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The inclusion of all these numerous Egyptian issues in the British section of the Catalogue may only tend to increase the difficulties and damp the enthusiasm of that numerous class of collectors in the future who will attempt to make some sort of representative collection of the British Empire issues. This question is, of course, not confined to the stamps of Egypt—there are others! For example, take the case of Transvaal as affecting the classes of collectors we have just referred to. Can it be conceived that whether they follow the lines of an Imperial Sectional Album or their own sweet fancy on blank pages, anything more disconcerting and discouraging could possibly be dangled before the eyes of such collectors than the prolix and intricate lists of the pre-V.R. (and subsequent) varieties and the meaningless and most dubious vagaries of the Pietersburg "stamps"? To encourage the general collector of British Imperial issues—or even the limited specialist—we are absolutely convinced that a vigorous excision is here required of unhealthy varieties. In the case of the Orange River Colony there are also a number of pre-Colonial issues which might well meet with similar treatment. The question will also have to be met as regards the late German Colonies—if we think them worth keeping! Is the all-British philatelist to take all the past rubbish of these trumpery Colonies, largely issued and manipulated in order that the Berlin National Philatelic Collection could be "fed up"?

It is palpable that the time has come when a decision must be arrived at as to the status of all stamps issued previous to a British occupancy. In standard books of reference, as in British Africa, it may be necessary to include everything relating to a country—though clearly marking the dividing line—but the position is altogether different when these issues are paraded with a view to sale. In the interest of those who have to sell, it is gravely to be considered how far it is wise to overload the British section of stamp collecting—which is increasing of itself at an alarming rate. It might, perhaps, be advisable to publish all pre-British colonial issues in an appendix thereto, which would at least give collectors an option as to how far their researches should extend. This would involve in such publications as the Sectional Album additional and not necessarily inclusive sheets for these "pre-Colonial" issues. The whole question is important; it is one also bristling with difficulties, hence we can confidently commend it to the notice of philatelic societies who may be desirous of mental pabulum during the ensuing months.—London Philatelist.

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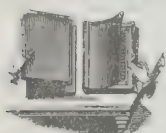
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MEXICAN NOTES.

By S. B. HOPKINS.

It would be interesting to know why certain dealers advertise all recent issues of Mexican stamps as "Sonora." In a recent number of the WEEKLY, an advertiser used the word "Sonora" in big black letters and then proceeded to list the "printed surcharges" on 1910 issue! As a matter of fact, these "printed surcharges" were made in Mexico City, by and for the Constitutionalist Government of Mexico, and issued to all post offices in the Republic that were in need of stamps for foreign correspondence.



Cons. Govt. Issue.



Denver Issue.

This was after Carranza's triumphal entry into the capital and before his final rupture with Villa, and these were the only stamps issued by the Carrancistas before their capital was moved to Vera Cruz on account of the Villa-Zapata coalition against them in the Convention which elected General Gutierrez temporary president. The "Denver" stamps were issued by the Constitutionalist while they were still in the field, fighting to free their country from the usurper Huerta.

After the Constitutionalist entered the capital, they found themselves without enough of the "Denver" stamps to supply the whole Republic; moreover, the "Denver" stamps were not yet recognized by the Universal Postal Union and could not be used for foreign correspondence; so they surcharged all the 1910 stamps immediately available in Mexico City and vicinity, and distributed them where stamps were needed. If any went to Sonora, it was simply because Sonora is one of the states of the "United States of Mexico"—they are not in any sense Sonora stamps, any more than they are Coahuila, Guanajuato, Hidalgo or Tamaulipas stamps, for they were a general issue for all of the states of the Mexican Republic.

Later on (Oct. 7, 1914) an order was issued calling in all unsurcharged stamps of all previous issues—except the "Denvers"—to be sent to Mexico City and there to be surcharged like the others. We refer to these stamps as the "printed surcharges" to distinguish them from the handstamped surcharges which preceded them in certain districts already under Constitutionalist control, particularly the "Monterrey" issue bearing the same words, "Gobierno Constitucional-

ista," in two lines, but put on with a rubber stamp.

Here is a translation of the order of October 7, 1914, above referred to:

GENERAL POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, MEXICO CITY.

Technical Section Business Regulations
 Circular No. 1653.

Validity of the postage stamps of the Constitutionalist Army.—In view of the fact that there are still large quantities on hand in the northern part of the Republic of the second issue of postage stamps of the Constitutionalist Army ["Denver" issue.—Ed.], it is desired to confirm to the offices of the Service the instructions contained in Circular No. 1650, dated Aug. 21st last, stating that said stamps should be recognized both for domestic and foreign service.

Surcharging the postal forms of this Department.—In order to avoid certain abuses which could be committed on account of the irregularities which have occurred in connection with postal forms issued by this Department, the Secretary of Communications and Public Works has decided that the postal values of said issues be surcharged with the inscription "Gobierno Constitucionalista."

It is therefore recommended to the offices of the Service that they immediately make such requisitions to this Department as may be necessary of said postal forms in order to supply the needs of the service, with the understanding that, as soon as these requisitions are received, they will send to this Department the postal values which they may have on hand which do not have the said surcharge. This does not apply to the stamps of the second issue of the Constitutionalist Army.

Date up to which these values will be recognized without the surcharge.—It is also recommended that the post offices make known to the public, by means of notices posted in a prominent place that they will be allowed up to the 15th of November next to make use of, in the respective services, the postal forms which they have without the said surcharge. After that date all mail will be considered as unpaid to which may be affixed said stamps without surcharge, and, therefore, such sendings will be subject to the disposition applicable to that kind of mail. It is to be noted that, on account of the irregularities to which reference is made in the second paragraph of this circular, no exchanging will be allowed, under any circumstances, of the current postage stamps of this Department for postal forms already surcharged, because such stamps without surcharge are illegally used for postal purposes after the said date will not be good for postage.

Which is communicated to the employees of the service for their information and guidance. Constitution and Reform.

Mexico, Oct. 7, 1914.

The Director General.
 Cosme Hinojosa.

The "official seal" described in your "Chronicle of New Issues" of February 6th, is not a new issue at all, but an



old familiar friend of all specialists in Mexican stamps! Being at present "in the field" I cannot refer either to my library or my collection, but I know it

was issued many years ago and has been used occasionally and from time to time ever since. Having no postal value, and being used merely as a seal to afford additional protection to a registered letter or package, very few collectors (or Mexican postal clerks, either) have paid any attention to them. The average Mexican postoffice clerk is not so fond of work that he will hunt around for a "seal" to put on the back of somebody else's registered letter, and so some of these beautiful seals remained on hand when the Constitutionalist took over the various Mexican postoffices and put new clerks in charge. On the principle that "a new broom sweeps clean," even if it be Mexican, I suppose, the new clerks got out all the pretty seals and soon used them up.

In your "Chronicle of New Issues," of Feb. 13th, you refer to the Mexico "2c 1910, with the overprint of a small G. C. M. monogram in black" stating that "this stamp is evidently one of a set issued from Mexico City to offices in the Carranza territory."

Some stamps were surcharged G. C. M. in Vera Cruz in December last, after the Carrancista capital had been moved to that place, as shown by official circular, No. 3 (translation of which follows), but no mention is made of the denominations so treated or the number issued. The surcharge, as shown by the impression on the margin of the circular was slightly smaller than the G. C. M. monogram previously used in Sonora, but the color of same is given as purple.

GENERAL POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, VERA CRUZ.

Circular No. 3.

Certain of the postal forms having been exhausted that were printed in Mexico City with the inscription "Gobierno Constitucionalista," and lacking at this Port the equipment necessary to do this kind of work, the Department of Communications has had to permit these forms to be surcharged with the monogram "GCM" applied in purple ink, just as it appears in the margin of this circular. (This monogram is the same that is used to stamp the Government fractional currency.)

Therefore, the following stamps will continue to be good for postage. The stamps of the second Constitutionalist issue, with the inscription "Correos—Gobierno Constitucionalista—Mexico," which shows the national eagle; and the old or federal stamps surcharged "Gobierno Constitucionalista" or stamped with the monogram "GCM," it being necessary to refuse all those which do not conform to these requirements.

The same Department, in view of the labor and delay that results from the printing or stamping of postal cards, letter cards, wrappers and stamped envelopes, has ordered that these forms may be used without the requirement necessary for the stamps.

Constitution and Reforms.
 H. Veraacruz, Ver., Dec. 16, 1914.
 The Director General of Posts.
 C. Hinojosa.

It will be noted from the last paragraph of this circular that all postal cards, letter cards, wrappers and stamped envelopes surcharged with whatever kind of surcharge subsequent to Dec. 16, 1914, may properly be included in the unnecessary and speculative class.

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Sure, I still give 3 Newfoundland 1898 with request for my P. S. approvals. JOHN P. BASSLER, Madison, Wis. [68]

See A. O. Durland adv. Mekeel's Weekly Apr. 3. [tf]

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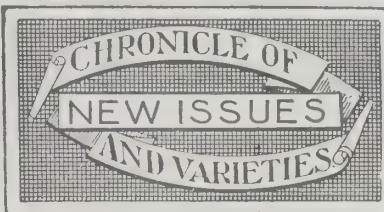
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AUSTRALIA.—Frank P. Brown & Co. and the Sterling Stamp Co. have also shown us the new King George stamps chronicled in Nos. 1265 and 1267. Judging from the many directions from which these stamps are being received, their sale must be general at the Australian postoffices, and without particular restrictions.

CANADA.—The first values of the permanent set of War Tax stamps have been issued and specimens have been shown us by G. Hemond, Norbert Beauregard and George A. Hargraft. The regular postage stamps have been used, as in the earlier overprinted issues. The words "War Tax" appear just above the value in colorless block capitals strongly outlined in the color of the stamp. We have seen only the 1c and 2c values thus far, but presume that the 5c, 20c and 50c will receive the new overprint, as these were the values that appeared in the first two issues. Mr. Hemond informs us that under the new law which went into effect April 15 the 1c War Tax stamps were obliged to be added to the regular postage on all letters and post-cards, while the 2c stamps were to be placed on checks, money orders and other transfers of money. The fact that the lower value is to be used on mail matter gives these stamps a semi-philatelic character, somewhere between a fiscal stamp and a Spanish war stamp. They are exactly of the same character as the new "Timbru De Ajutor" stamps of Roumania.

CANAL ZONE.—Gerald D. Bliss sends us a cover from the Canal Zone with the new Panama Postage Due stamps overprinted, "Canal Zone", in blue, both words reading up. The stamps are of striking appearance but have been previously described. The 1c is a horizontal oblong while the 10c is an upright oblong. There is also a 4c value in the regular Panama set, but this has not been overprinted for the Canal Zone. The Postage Due stamps overprinted "Canal Zone" have been recalled and all remainders are to be destroyed. The same restrictions hold good on the new stamps as on the old, as far as the Canal Zone is concerned, and none can be obtained unused.

Postage Due Adhesives.

1c dark brown.
2c dark brown.
10c dark brown.

GREECE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the current 30 lepta stamp lithographed instead of engraved.

NICARAGUA.—O. Kendall has shown us covers from Nicaragua, with two split provisionals. The 2c on 50c and 2c on 35c of the Cordova surcharges, Scott's,

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PANAMA.—As announced some time ago, the new Postage Due stamps have appeared. They are of striking appearance and of handsome design. All have been previously described so that repetition is unnecessary.

Postage Due Adhesives.

1c dark brown.
2c dark brown.
4c dark brown.
10c dark brown.

RUSSIA.—A change is noted in the 11k charity stamp which is now printed on white instead of dark blue. Specimens have been shown us by Whitfield King & Co. and the New England Stamp Co. The other values remain unchanged.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

E. M. CARPENTER, Pres.; W. L. ALDRICH, Vice-Pres.; F. W. STILES, 310 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass., Sec. OSCAR HILL, Foreign Sec. G. CARLTON RUSSELL, 88 Wellesley Park, Dorchester, Mass., Treas.; J. H. LYONS, Supt. Auctions; H. A. KIDDER, Supt. Sales; A. W. DUNNING, Supt. Bourse.

Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

BOSTON, MASS., April 10, 1915.

The 334th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the club room on Tuesday evening, April 20, at 8.15 p. m. At this meeting a portion of the Society's counterfeit collection will be shown and some other exhibition will be provided by the entertainment committee.

We hope to have a good showing of the members at the informal dinner at the Hotel Bova where we will meet at 6.00 p. m.

At the next informal meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, May 4th, Mr. F. L. Coes of Worcester, who has entertained us before, will bring his lantern and give us a talk illustrated by lantern slides. Part of his talk will be on the treatment by the various engravers of the portrait of Queen Victoria on different postage stamps and cannot fail to be interesting to the members. Do not let a small attendance at this meeting show a lack of interest.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

HOLTON

Following the sale of the E. Thiet stock and the "Luna" collection, I am now able to offer my clients the essential collection of Mr. Eugene A. Holton. Most of the collectors will remember him as a dealer previous to 1898. While this collection contains no great rarities, less than half a dozen stamps worth over \$100.00, it has practically every stamp up to \$20.00 or so previous to 1880, practically no stamps have been added since that time. Mr. Holton was a "Collector" since 1859 and dealer since 1861, and most of his old European stamps in the lower priced ones are wonderful examples. My usual low NET prices are marked on every stamp.

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Canton, 1c black, superb used	3.20
1c "sent" superb used	10.00
1c red, fine used	7.50
Franklin, uncolored postmark, "NEW"	
good margin, small thin spot	55.00
First print in brown red	15.00
Eagle, used in	2.00
Eagle, proof in red on bond paper	5.00
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1847, 5c light shade, mint, type II	2.60
1847, 24c mint, fine	4.00
1847, 90c mint, very fine	11.50
1851, 5c imperf. superb used	7.25
1861, 30c centered, no gum	3.60
1861, 90c mint, fine	11.00
1868, 3c all over, wonderful mint	27.50
1868, 3c 9x13, perfectly centered, some gum	9.50
1868, 12c 11x13, mint and very fine	8.00
1868, 15c 9x13, mint, fine	6.50
1868, 24c good copy, no gum	20.00
1868, 30c centered, grill strikes through	10.00
1868, 90c superb, used	7.00
1869, 24c very fine, full o. g.	8.50
1869, 30c very fine, full o. g.	9.50
1869, 90c fine, used	8.50
1870, 7c grill, fine, used	2.75
1871, 3c National, P. O. state, perfect	1.60
1871, 24c National, P. O. state, fine	8.50
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1873, 15c Cont., fine mint	12.50
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Navy 1c soft (specimen of course)	2.75
Navy 7c	9.00
State 24c	5.25
War 1c hard paper, perfect	2.00
War 2c hard paper, perfect	1.40
Periodicals 5c light blue, superb	14.00
Continental 9c mint, fine	5.00
Continental 48c mint, fine	5.00
Continental 72c mint, fine	6.25
Continental 84c mint, fine	7.50
Continental 600 mint, fine	6.00

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U. S. ENVELOPES.

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Have these fairly complete up to 1873.	
1873, 6c green on white, unused	\$2.50
1873, 10c green on white, unused	4.00
1877, 1c on blue and white wrapper, good margins	50.00
1863, 24c blue and red "corner"	4.50
1863, 6c on white, "corner"	3.75
1874, 2c Die B-3 on amber "corner"	25.00
1874, 2c Die B-3 on white, used (30x33) list 60.00	12.00
1875, 24c on white	3.75

Will sell any envelope in the collection at half Scott. Send me your list.

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Mobile 5c blue, used	\$ 3.00
Macon 5c green, unused	12.50
Charleston 5c blue, used	6.00
Fredericksburg 10c red on blue, fine	30.00
10c outer line on four sides	5.50
5c London print, pin perf. in pair, used	7.50
2c 1862, mint, superb	1.40

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Antigua 14 vermilion CC, 12 1/2, perfect, mint	2.20
2d brown, CC, perfect, mint	8.00
Argentina 1864, 10c green, perf., mint	4.00
1862, 15c blue, uncol. fine	5.50
1873, 2c on 5c INVERT, used, rarity	17.50
1873, 5c red, roulette, used, superb	2.20
Austria No. 8, 2c orange, used, fine	5.00
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Levant 1853, 2 soldi black, mint	3.25
Levant 18r black, newspaper, mint	2.40
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1868, 80r orange, used, fine	2.50
1868, Perf. 240r, unused, fine	10.50
Baden 1851, 3 on yellow, P. O. state	6.50
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1851, 3 on blue, P. O. state	11.00
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Bahamas No. 1, fine, used	8.00
Bahamas No. 2, fine, used	1.75
1882, 4d on 6c, very fine	5.75
1882, 4d rose, CA, 12, P. O. state	4.25
Barbados 1856, 6d used fine margins	2.60
1873, 5d used, fine	6.50
1875, CC, 12 1/2, half penny green	2.20
1875, 3d violet, superb, used	1.75
1875, "12" on half of 5sh. used, fine	27.50
1882, 14 slate P. O. state	2.75

Bangkok 12c blue CC, mint	7.50
1c rose, CA, mint	6.00
Bavaria 18r black, good margins, un'd	7.00
6kr brown, broken circle, sup. used	1.00
1867, 18kr imperf. mint	3.75
1867, 1 mark imperf., fine, used	1.60
Belgium 1863, 40c red perf., mint	2.20
1863, 1c gray imperf., fine margins	1.75
1863, 5fr pale brown, good, used	4.00
Bermuda 1874, 3 on 1sh fine, used	3.75
1874, 3 on 1sh fancy letter, mint	6.50
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Bolivia 1866, 5c violet, pen cancel, fine	2.00
1868, 50 black, unused, good	12.00
Bremen 5c rose, perf., mint	2.50
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1843, 90r fine used	5.00
1861, 430r yellow, large margins	5.00
1866, 700r red brown, mint	1.60
Br. Columbia 10c perf., 12 1/2, mint	12.50
Br. Honduras 1866, CC, 12 1/2, 3d brown, mint	2.20
1866, CC, 14, 6d rose	9.50
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1871, 4c blue, imperf., grand copy	4.50
1863, perf. 1c pink, fine, used	5.00
1863, perf. 1c brown red, used	5.25
1863, perf. 1c brown, one perf. out at top	7.00
1863, 6c blue, perf. 10, superb, un'd	7.50
1863, 24c green, perf. 10, superb, no gum	5.25
1876, 90c bistre, finest used I ever saw	10.50
1878, 1c (No. 99), fine used	6.00
(Have Nos. 82 to 100 complete.)	
Brunswick 1852, 2 blue, superb, used	3.60
Buenos Ayres "Dos" blue, No. 2, fine, used	11.00
1860, 4 green on bluish, unused	6.50
Canada 6d laid superb, used	6.50
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10, perfect used, a gem	8.00
1868, 12 1/2 blue, mint	2.00
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1sh deep green, fine used	4.20
1sh emerald, fine, used	6.50
Wood block 4d blue, very fine	12.00
1871, 5sh orange, CC, mint	9.50
Cape Verde 40 blue in pair with Mozambique, superb, mint but straight edge at R	12.50
Ceylon 1857, 2d green, P. O. state, sup.	4.25
1857, 4d rose, minute nick at top	37.50
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1857, 1sh 9d superb, unused	32.50
1857, 2sh fine used	25.00
CC, 5d olive, P. O. state	7.00
CC, 8 chocolate, P. O. state	3.20
CC, 1sh violet, P. O. state	3.60
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1878, set of 5 imperf., mint	3.50
Columbian Rep., grand lot previous to 1875.	
Cyprus 1880, half penny rose, mint	1.70
1880, 6d on G. B., P. O. state	3.00
1880, 1sh on G. B., P. O. state	9.00
1882, 4pi CC, perfect, mint	6.50
1882, 6pi CC, perfect, mint	8.00
Costa Rica "C. P. U." 4 real green	2.40
Danish West Indies, 4c blue, perf., very deep shade, superb mint	2.40
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Denmark No. 1, superb, used	6.00
1871, 2sk perf. 12, mint	5.00
Dominica 1874, 6d CC, 12 1/2, mint	5.00
1874, 1sh CC, 12 1/2, mint	4.50
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1867-72 complete in shades and imperf.	
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1871, 10c mint	2.50
1871, 20c mint	2.20
Guatemala 1 peso, orange, mint	2.50
Gambia 1869, 4d brown, no wmk., P. O. state	5.75
1869, 6d blue, CC, P. O. state	6.00
1880, 1sh green, used in April 1882, superb	7.50
Gold Coast 1876, CC, 14, 6d orange, P. O. state	3.25
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1880, 2sh pale brown, fine used	12.50
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(Have 21 others, if interested write.)	

Greece, Paris 20c blue, fine unused	3.50
Hamburg 1859, 2 red, mint	1.60
1859, 1 black, part perf. at top	2.00
Hanover 1851, 3 rose imperf., sup. used	2.75
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1874, 30 gray on thick, P. O. State	3.25
1876, 45 sen carmine, P. O. State	2.25
Lagos 1d lilac, CC, 12 1/2, mint	1.40
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Labuan 1880, 12c "CC" up, mint	8.50
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Malta 1863, 1d red "golden yellow" mint	3.75
1863, 1c CC, brown orange, fine un'd	5.00
Monaco 1885, 1fr yellow, mint superb	2.20
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1868, 50r imperf. green P. O. state	4.20
1868, 80r imperf. orange perfect grand margins	6.75
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1861, 8 real, superb, mint	6.00
1861, 8 real, green red brown, fine used	4.25
1867, medio on thin bluish, used	7.00
1865, 3 brown, without surcharge, superb P. O. state	15.00
Montserrat 2 1/2 red brown, CC, P. O. state	5.25
4d blue, CC, P. O. state	2.80
Mozambique 1887, 4d blue, P. O. state	1.40
Naples 1858, 1/2g superb, used	1.85
1858, 20g superb, used	1.50
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New South Wales 12 Sidney views.	
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1860, imperf. 1sh pale red	2.40

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Norway 1863, 3sk as bought at P. O.	2.75
1867, 8sk rose, P. O. state	2.40
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1860, 1-3 green, fine unused	7.50
1860, 1-3 moss green, superb, used	27.50
1860, 3 yellow, unused, no gum	16.00
Orange River 1 on 5sh, type 9, mint	1.00
Panama 1878, 5c P. O. State	2.50
1878, 10 P. O. State	9.00
1878, 50 buff, as bought at P. O.	2.40
Paraguay 1871, 3 black, fine used	3.75
1878, "5" on 5 blue, P. O. State, very rare	6.00
1881, 1 and 2 surcharge on green, the pair mint	4.0

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST COLLECTION.

This article was prepared for the Holiday Number of the "Philatelic Journal of America", but owing to the discontinuance of that publication it was not used, and has been secured for our readers. It is one of the greatest Stamp Stories ever written by Mr. Mekeel, the editor of that journal.

There is no disputing the fact that the world's greatest stamp collection or accumulation of postage stamps, from a philatelic standpoint, is the possession of Philip la Renotiere von Ferrary, but if anyone were to refer to him as the greatest stamp collector or philatelist in the world it might be a subject for difference of opinion, or at least reasonable debate. One of the penny stamp weeklies of England expresses curiosity in one of its recent issues as to what has become of the owner of the world's greatest stamp collection, now that Austria and Great Britain are at war. A portrait of the gentleman is published by our enterprising English contemporary in connection with its speculation on his welfare but the importance of this will be somewhat minimized when it is known that their portrait is from the same photographic sitting that we illustrated over twenty-two years ago in *The Philatelic Journal of America*, and the portrait was not then very good or at that time very recent. In earlier days this collector was usually referred to as *Ferrary*. More lately he has been known as *l'Renotiere*. As will be observed by the above dates, this famous individual is by no means young, probably between sixty and seventy years of age at this time. He was the son of the Duchess de Galliera and his adoptive father was an officer in the Austrian Army, Ritter Emmanuel la Renotiere von Griegsfeld. His own father was an old Austrian nobleman of almost fabulous wealth, owning vast estates in Austrian Lombardy, which is now part of Italy.

The wealth of this ancient and noble family was so vast that it is almost immeasurable in figures. Our American multi-millionaire stamp collectors would class up as mutilated Mexican money in comparison. The renunciation of his father and the vast wealth that might have come to him from that family has not left Mons. l'Renotiere entirely without the means of gratifying his love for stamps, as his mother, the Duchess de Galliera, was an extremely wealthy woman, as may be imagined from the fact that she gave marble palaces and gifts running into the millions to the City of

Paris, among which is a museum for the exhibition of fine needle-work of the French women.

It is not our purpose to enter at this time into a discussion of the intimate family relations or biographic history of Mons. l'Renotiere, although some interesting stories might be developed from the material that exists.

It is to consider him simply as a stamp collector and his relation to our hobby that these observations are made. We do not regard l'Renotiere as a great philatelist, nor even as a collector that philatelists have any great reason to be proud of. We simply have to consider him as he is and his existence as it relates to the subject which we are all interested in. Mons. l'Renotiere is not a family man, living the life of a recluse, and concentrates his interest on very few things. The love of stamps is in his case probably a *mania*. We hesitate about using this word, because it is so often misapplied to stamp collecting by the uninitiated, but in this particular case it is in every way justified. This vast collection of stamps which has been made possible by the immense wealth and resources which the owner has been able to command is in every sense a selfish accumulation. They are not exhibited, nor have they ever been available in a large way for the benefit of stamp collecting. The collection is a *hoard* stored in a "strong room" in Paris. M. l'Renotiere has for many years made his headquarters in Paris, at the Austrian Embassy, from which point he makes many excursions into the European stamp world, carrying with him good financial cheer to those who have had his philatelic favor.

Now that Austria is at war with both Great Britain and France is it not at all strange that the query should now be raised as to what has become of this great aggregation of stamps. For over fifty years the accumulation of this collection has been going on, backed with almost unlimited financial resources by a man so keenly interested in his pursuit that he has made it in fact a life work.

The figures that our English contem-

HAYTI

Look at Scott's Nos. 167 to 173. These are what we call the changed colour set. Although they came out in 1913 we never could get hold of them until now and without the GL-O-Z surcharge they are likely to be very scarce as the entire stock was overprinted.

HERE IS WHAT WE HAVE UNUSED

Scott's 167	4c olive green, lists	8c	price	\$0.12
" 168	7c vermilion,	12c	"	.25
" 169	8c olive green,	14c	"	.30
" 170	10c red brown,	18c	"	.35
" 171	15c yellow,	25c	"	.75
" 172	50c yellow,	85c	"	1.25
" 173	1 piastre red,	1.75	"	2.25

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1p red, " 212	2.00
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Hong Kong, 50c	.70
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151	1870, 12c violet	.80	.20
152	1870, 15c orange	.75	.25
162	1873, 12c purple	.60	.20
163	1873, 15c orange	1.25	.40
165	1873, 90c black	.85	.18
217	1888, 30c brown	.75	.22
229	1890, 90c orange	.75	.25
251	1894, \$1.00 black	2.00	.90
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The newspapers of the world, always anxious for items of sensational interest and "good stories", have published innumerable accounts, many of them very ridiculous, with regard to this famous stamp collector and his wonderful accumulation of stamps, but none of them, however absurd or grotesque, would we dare say approach in sensational interest a perfectly true story of this man, his life and his collection. The editor of this Journal has been a personal correspondent of M. l'Renotiere for perhaps thirty years, during which time he has only seen the gentleman once, but has had an excellent opportunity to study his peculiar personalities, his idiosyncracies and life through his correspondence. He believes that he is violating no confidence in publishing his personal impressions and opinions, and that his obligation to his readers is greater than to an individual. It is well known that M. l'Renotiere has had a special interest in the postage stamps issued by the early postmasters of the United States, also the local and express stamps that preceded the regular issues of the United States Government, also those locals and carrier stamps which were semi-official and often accompany the earlier issues of the U. S. stamps, and later, but not less important, the issues of the Confederate postmasters, which were issued provisionally during the Civil war in this country from 1861-64. For many years

M. l'Renotiere has purchased from our editor rare varieties of these and other stamps, the total running into many thousands of dollars.

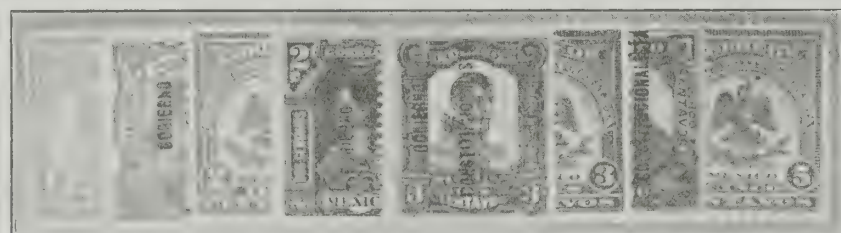
During this long and intimate relation the correspondence has been entirely personal, Mr. Mekeel having uniformly refused to deal through intermediaries who were usually grafters, demanding a percentage on the business without being entitled to it, because in the majority of the cases they were false emissaries paid by interested parties nearer to the base of supplies who were constantly seeking to restrict and govern the financial outgo. The number of rare Postmaster's Provisionals, U. S. Locals, Carriers and Confederate Provisionals that Mr. Mekeel has sold to the world's greatest stamp collection, the prices of which exceed \$1,000.00 apiece, have run into the scores, not to speak of the thousands of less important stamps which may be priced with three figures. One of the most famous U. S. Local Stamps in l'Renotiere's collection was the 2c black St. Louis local that Mr. Mekeel sold him for £500 sterling, a photograph of the check for which he preserves as an interesting souvenir being for \$2,435.00, that being the current rate of exchange for five hundred pounds at the time of the sale. This check, as was usually the case, was simply written on the second sheet of M. l'Renotiere's blank note paper, and read:—

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There was one "stamp find" however, that was simply too much for the great stamp collector. We refer to the St. Louis Postmaster's Stamps that were discovered in the Louisville Court House in 1895. This was undoubtedly the greatest stamp find of the world, because coupled with the discovery of the richest accumulation of rare stamps ever turned up in one place, there was the philatelic discovery, or rather recognition of the three successive printings of the St. Louis plate, a matter which had been a subject of debate, study and discussion between prominent philatelists for two generations.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Canada's War Stamp—Writing from Sherbrooke, Quebec, Mr. H. S. Ashenurst sends a copy of the new war tax stamp of Canada which came into use April 15th, 1915. The stamp is of the same type as the current one cent green except that "War Tax" in two lines appears in colorless capitals about two millimeters high just over the inscription, one cent. With the war tax in force the Canadians again are paying the equivalent of three cents postage.

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Opportune—The war stamp exhibition in London which was held March 1st to 31st, inclusive, was an occasion that was interesting not alone to philatelists but to the public as well; and we understand that it was duly appreciated. War issues and army, etc., cancellations of all kinds were on view as well as Togoland, German New Guinea, etc., with British surcharges and we can realize how attractive and seasonable, a display of this nature must have been. We notice that in this country envelopes from the front are occasionally shown in merchants' windows with suitable explanations; and the envelopes seem to have a potent fascination for the man on the street.

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esting revelations concerning the war provisionals of the Pacific islands; and viewed from this distance there appears to be somewhat conflicting information as to the methods of issue and perhaps the number of stamps surcharged. In this connection it is to be said that a somewhat remarkable set, the ship type of Marshall Islands with Japanese overprint is the subject of controversy. The explanation made is that when the Japanese expeditionary force occupied the islands, the current stamps became unavailable for postage and some of the stamps were marked with the seal or Japanese surcharge, characters in tablet, by officers of the occupying force, merely as souvenirs to oblige friends. On the contrary it is said that a good case may be developed to establish the authenticity of these surcharges. It is asked that judgment be suspended on the reputation of these stamps until later by the publishers of our contemporary, which we may add always is a readable magazine.

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Broken Plate Proved—Here is an interesting recital of personal experience that teaches that patience is a profitable asset in the schedule of the worth of a philatelist who is a natural student of stamps. Mr. E. R. Jacobs writes: "Having read Mr. H. L. Wiley's recent study of the three cent green, 1870 to 1887, United States, I am prompted to call attention to a research with these stamps as the subject which I believe could be compared to looking for the proverbial 'needle in the hay-stack.' Some months ago in looking over a quantity of these stamps I found one that appeared to have been printed from a cracked plate. Apparently, the stamp was from the bottom row, the crack having entered below the H of three, and extended up through the H into the oval, surrounding the medallion. In order to prove that this line was caused by a cracked plate and not by some foreign substance that adhered to the design, it was necessary to find a duplicate. I believe that I am quite safe in saying that I looked over at least 75,000 of the three cent green before I found a second stamp showing the identical crack; and from the number of these stamps that were printed, I imagine that I was fortunate in finding a duplicate. So far as I know the cracked plate on the three cent green has never been reported. There are many interesting details that can be found by research in quantities of this most common stamp; and anyone inclined to study the stamp is sure to find many things of interest. I was amply rewarded in looking over this vast quantity by finding many interesting cancellations, paper varieties, etc." Let us pause, gentlemen, and uncover our heads in memory of Mr. Jacobs' moment of almost sacred triumph when he found the second stamp. We may add that we have seen both of the stamps in question and there is no question but that the crack exists the same on either.

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Nubbins—While on the subject of stamp plates we must refer to a startling example of shrunken plate variety in the shape of a pair of 12 cents of the 1851 issue United States that has been shown us. Variations of stamp size have often been cited in steel-engraved stamps and they have been accounted for on the score of shrinkage in the cooling off of the metal in its bath after having been subjected to much heat, as the vagaries of steel under different conditions are understood by those having a technical knowledge of it. We remember having seen the ten cent of 1861 that Mr. Stevenson told about and which in comparison with the normal specimen had a decidedly squat appearance. The measurements of the regulation twelve-cent 1851 approximately are, averaging eight copies, 1½" by 2¼" millimeters while the dimensions of the freak pair under discussion are 1½" by 2¼" millimeters and have a surface of only about 81% of the usual "area". We suppose that if one cared to experiment one could succeed in shrinking a stamp by an astringent bath of some sort but the remarkable pair of stamps under notice has not been tampered with; and further, the firm paper used in the 1851 issue would not be susceptible to compression to any great extent, we surmise.

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postmark form is sometimes found on circulars and periodicals that were mailed in the fifties, no doubt in quantity for local distribution in Philadelphia, the idea being to expedite the handling of this local mail without having recourse to the use of stamps. These impressions cut out are sometimes found among the "locals" in old collections. The discovery of envelopes without a stamp but with the postmark, "Floyd's Penny Post," around the many-rayed star that was used for canceling the Floyd locals leads to the belief that a similar arrangement was in use in Chicago. It is needless to say that it is a disappointment to the avid stamp hunter to find these impressions on covers that should by all logic bear the coveted local stamps.

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AN HISTORIC DOCUMENT ON A RARE CONFEDERATE ISSUE

By VICTOR MARSH.

Among my philatelic autographs and documents not "interned" at Cassel is one of particular interest dealing with the Confederate provisionals of Tellico Plains, Tennessee, one of the emergency issues due to the civil war. In common with other stamps of a similar character, their discovery by philatelists was made long after the actual issue, in this instance no less than fourteen years having elapsed.

Moens announced the discovery of the 5 cents in June 1875, *Timbre-poste*, XIII, p. 45), and records the information that the issue lasted only two months. In May, 1876, it was reported (*Timbre-poste* XIV, p. 37), that M. Philippe de Ferrari showed Moens a "bande" of three—two of the 5 cents attached to one of the 10 cents. Their authenticity was confirmed by a well-known contemporary American philatelist, Mr. C. H. Coster in 1877 (*Timbre-poste*, XV, p. 48). Only one plate was used and from particulars gained from the document in question, only about 250

All the stamps like this one I have this day sold to Edmund M. Kohn as a curiosity; they were issued by me as P. M., and are genuine issues of 1861.
M. F. JOHNSON.
U. S. Commissioner.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Personally came before me M. F. Johnson, a Citizen of the Town of Madisonville, in the county of Monroe, and to me well and personally known, and after being duly sworn by me to speak the truth says the Confederate postage stamp as truly attached issued by M. F. Johnson as Post Master at Tellico Plains, East Tenn., is a true and original stamp got up at Knoxville in the State of Tennessee in the year 1860 and early part of 1861, but was got up in 1861 for 5 and 10 cents each and were used at Tellico by Edward Grout as Deputy P. M., and the Plate is genuine and the stamps now held by the said M. F. Johnson is all there is in existence only any means can be as so soon as the Amt. was struck off at Knoxville (about 250) the plate was absolutely destroyed and rendered void. The stamp is genuine for the purposes intended as it was got up before any stamps were issued by the Confederate Government and were intended for the immediate use of and the convenience of postal facilities of the citizens of Tellico Plains—M. F. Johnson further states he has the few remaining stamps he fully avows they are genuine issues of 1861 and that no other stamps exist except they may be upon envelopes used by the Office and cancelled. He is positively certain of the above statement as no stamps as above could exist without his knowledge—as if Mr. Grout had any they were burned up with him as he was burned up on a rail road Carr at Angola, Ohio, together with all his effects and could only be identified except by the number of his watch found from the wreck and further he fully avows to said statement—and further says not

(Signed) *M. F. Johnson*
Subscribed and sworn to before me, March 24th, 1876.
(Signed) W. B. STEPHENS,
Notary Public.
State of Tennessee. I, Arch. Mason, Clerk of the County Court for the aforesaid Monroe County. County and State, certify that W. B. Stephens, before who the above affidavit was made was at the date of signing the same Notary Public in and for said County of Monroe, duly commissioned and qualified and that all his official Acts are entitled to full faith and credit. Witness my hand at office this 31st day of March, 1876.
(Signed) ARCH. MASON, Clerk.

"I will endeavour to reconstruct what happened. The buyer of the few remainders, Kohn, had heard of Moens as a stamp dealer (the latter's catalogue had then reached its substantial fifth edition), and he sent the affidavit to him, with a stamp affixed, accompanied by a letter offering them for sale. As Moens retained the affidavit and presumably removed the stamp therefrom, one may assume that he purchased them. In that letter, doubtless, he gained the information about the period of their short existence. Then Ferrari showed Moens a "bande" of three: in the sixth edition of

his catalogue Moens records two varieties of the 5 cents, and notes the printing as *se-tenant*, the stamps having been type set on laid paper. Apparently, the Postmaster of Tellico Plains considered that two examples of the 5 cents would be used to one of the 10 cents. It will be noticed that "about 250" copies were printed. Probably the exact number was 249 composed of 166 of the 5 cents, and 83 of the 10 cents. It would be interesting to learn the number of the population of Tellico Plains in 1861—perhaps some one would be good enough to look into this matter.

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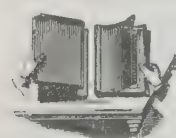
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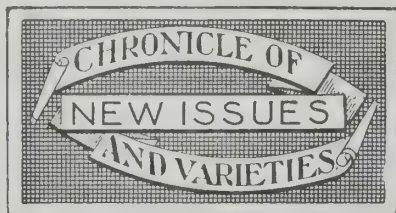
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Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—I. C. Greene has shown us the current 8c stamp, single line watermark, but perforated 12, with the old "Bureau Engraving & Printing" imprint and the letter "A" in addition to the plate number 5718.

Ralph E. Harbold reports the current 6c, perforated 10, plate number 5430, with star and old imprint. The imprint is slightly worn, but the stamp design is fresh and unworn.

AUSTRALIA.—Unfortunately we have hitherto omitted to give credit to William S. Clark for showing us early used specimens of the new King George 1/2d and 5d stamps.

CANADA.—We are indebted to W. R. Pringle, J. D. Cox, Frank M. Mason and the New England Stamp Co., for further information regarding the new War Tax stamps. Our suggestion of last week has been quickly confirmed by W. R. Pringle, who reports a 10c value in the new oblong War Tax set. This is printed in olive green. There appears to be still some confusion regarding the administration of the new tax regulations. Mr. Pringle says "it is a puzzle to know of what use the 2c stamp is in connection with the tax on letters, as only one cent of the postage may be paid by a 'War Tax' stamp. If more is paid the postage is counted as short. On the other hand, the full three cents may be made up of ordinary postage stamps. The latter may, in fact, take the place of either the revenue or the postal-fiscal stamps."

HAYTI.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us four values of the new stamps issued by the O. Zamor administration. The frames are alike for all denominations, being a horizontal oblong, with figures of value in ovals in the upper corners and repeated in ornamental shields below. "Republique D'Haiti—Exterieur" is printed in two curved lines and "Centimes de Piastre" across the bottom. The 1c, 5c and 10c values have a portrait of President O. Zamor in the central circle, with "O. Zamor Fevrier 1914" below. The 3c has the Haytian arms with "Emission 1914" below. All are printed on white, unwatermarked paper and bear the imprint of the "American Bank Note Co., N. Y."

Adhesives.

1c dark green and black.
3c olive green and black.
5c dark blue and black.
10c dark brown and black.

MEXICO.—Russell H. Cooley reports having seen Scott's No. 373, surcharged "Un Centavo" in two lines in black, evidently done by a rubber hand stamp. Can any of the experts place this?

PANAMA.—We have received from Emil J. Rall a cover bearing the four values of the postage due set already described in our columns. The denominations are 1c, 2c, 4c and 10c all in dark brown.

Postage Due Adhesives.

1c dark brown.
2c dark brown.
4c dark brown.
10c dark brown.

PORTUGAL.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a new series of Postage Due stamps from Portugal, the design being the same as the 1904 issue, but with the value expressed in centavos instead of reis.

Postage Due Adhesives.

1/2c brown.
1c orange.
2c claret.
3c green.
4c lilac.
5c carmine.
10c blue.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—Various provisional issues of Angola, Cape Verde and Portuguese Congo have been overprinted "Republica," according to Whitfield King & Co. The New England Stamp Co. has also shown us specimens.

Angola—Nos. 55, 56, 58, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71.

Cape Verde—Nos. 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68.

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By WM. W. WASHBURN.

I was informed today, April 19, at the N. Y. Internal Revenue Office, that the fifty dollar documentary stamp has been discontinued and all stamps of this denomination recalled. In place of the \$50 stamp a \$60 stamp has been issued and will shortly be placed on sale. I trust that this information will be of interest to the readers of the WEEKLY.

SAN FRANCISCO STAMP SOCIETY.

The third meeting was held at the Clubroom, 2233 Larkin Street, on Tuesday, April 6th, and the following officers were elected for the year ending September 30th, 1915: President, H. J. Seiler; Vice President, Chas. W. Arp; Sec. Treas., Donald Piercy; Auction and Sales Manager, Edwin P. Seeböhm.

A fine display of Great Britain and Colonies was exhibited by Mr. Arp, also a rare and interesting collection of Canadian tobacco stamps by Mr. Sanford.

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1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c un'd (cat. 1.28) .60
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113 Brazil 10r rose and blue....	.04	.01
116 Chile 10c blue and black....	.03	.01
16 Col. Rep. Boyaca 5p rose....	.50	.15
17 10p buff .....	.75	.25
62 Costa Rica 5c yellow & dull blue .....	.02	.01
37 Ecuador 5c on 5s purple....	.50	.15
73a '96, 10c on 4c brown, inverted surcharge .....	.65	.25
170 10c deep blue and black....	.02	.01
332 1889, 1s green .....	.10	.03
342 1893, 4c green .....	.08	.03
355 1897, 1s brown .....	.10	.03
*632 1894, 1s gray & black	1.25	.35
115 Guatemala 2c lake & black .....	.03	.01
20 to 29 Nicaragua, 1890 set	2.46	.75
30 to 39 Nicaragua, 1891 set	2.16	.75
40 to 49 Nicaragua, 1892 set	2.34	.80
176c 15c on 10c violet character for "cents" inverted .....	.75	.25
196 1906, 15c on 1c green .....	.10	.03
201 35c on 5p violet .....	.25	.10
222 1908, 15c on 50c olive & blk.	.20	.08
261 5c on 20c brown olive .....	.05	.02
*288 20c on 1c red .....	.15	.05
290 2c on 1c red .....	.05	.02
291 5c on 1c red .....	.08	.03
*292 10c on 1c red .....	.10	.03
847 1p on 2c orange (G) .....	.20	.10
752 Salvador, 2c carmine & black .....	.06	.02
193 Venezuela, 5c pink10	.03
194 Venezuela, 10c blue10	.03

E. T. PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PA.

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See A. O. Durland adv. Mekeel's Weekly Apr. 8. [tf]

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Two weeks ago we announced that the 10 perforation had not as yet been applied to the Philippine stamps, but several correspondents have called our attention to the fact that the perf. 10 has been seen in booklet panes. We believe we have already chronicled this perforation as having been used on Philippine booklets.

—A subscriber writes us, "When does my subscription to the WEEKLY expire?" For the benefit of this and other readers, we beg to reply, "Please look up the whole number on your wrapper."

—G. W. Hallenburg sends in a subscription from N. Y. City, but gives no street address. He may possibly reside in a nearby locality and anyone who can furnish his address will do us a great favor.

—H. C. Buland submits an original cover upon which the new 1c documentary helped to pay letter postage. Curiosities of this kind are not infrequent.

—G. W. N.—We do not know of any way in which part perforates other than the 8 1/2 can be distinguished from clipped specimens.

—By an error, the adlet of Sholley giving address was omitted, the last three weeks. Bear it in mind, 3846 Thomas Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn., for "BC" approvals.

—About May 1st, 1915, Edward Michael, Chicago, will remove to a desirable location on the ground floor of the Chemical Building, 119 North Dearborn Street, which has many advantages over the old stand. In the new store, there will be more space at the disposal of callers and Mr. Michael's enterprise in leasing the attractive store will be rewarded, we trust. Mr. Michael's progress in the field of commercial philately has been steady and his position is now one of prominence.

—Denver is using an advertising cancellation of the flag type. The inscription reads, "International Dry Farming Congress and Exposition, Denver, Sept. 27—Oct. 9, 1915." We are indebted to A. J. Gunther for the information.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from H. W. Boers (3), F. M. Mason, W. R. Adams, O. Kendall.

—"I recently received a number of covers with Mexican stamps on them. In the lot were two that were used at Tlalualilo, State of Durango. They carried 10 centavo stamps of the regular Mexican Issue, but instead of being surcharged 'Gobierno \$ Constitucionalista,' they were surcharged 'Gobierno Constitucionalista' in a nearly complete circle and T. C. in the center. It is handstamped with a rubber stamp, and purple ink was used."—ROBT. G. STAEDT.

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—There was a self evident error in the Alfred Lechner adlet last week. The price given should have been \$6.00 not \$1.00. Please note this week's adlet.

—We have been informed that Chas. A. Cliften, formerly of Sugar Creek, Mo., mentioned in our April 10 number, is now at Dome, Neb.

—A. J.—We cannot give you any idea of the value of the current 2c with compound perforation 10 x 12. Such stamps would be of more value if perforating machines were not so easily obtainable.

—J. A. Galbraith submits specimen copies of the obsolete and new 5sh Falkland Ids., correcting a statement made in a recent WEEKLY, that the new 5sh was in brown red. The new color is purple.

—Various Canadian correspondents are favoring us with newspaper clippings dealing with the new war tax, also, with specimens of the stamps. We are indebted to O. Kendall particularly for favors in this direction. He has submitted for our inspection, the new 10c inland revenue uniform with the 1c and 2c and in a handsome shade of olive-green. Mrs. A. R. Oughtred also notes the appearance of the 10c in olive.

TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The nineteenth annual meeting of this society was held April 12, in the rooms of the Scientific Society, Galveston. Eight members and ten visitors were present. Reports were presented for the past year, and the following officers were elected:

President, E. W. Heusinger; vice-president, Oscar Jannasch; secretary-treasurer, H. S. Parsons; sales superintendent, G. W. Coryell; member of executive committee, Charles Roemer. The librarian will be appointed later.

President Heusinger exhibited his collection of United States and foreign stamps, which is one of the largest collections in Texas. Several interesting talks were given, and the present year promises to be one of the most successful in the history of the organization.

THE 3c GREEN BOOKLET.

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WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

COUNTRIES THAT CAN BE COMPLETED.

Many collectors prefer to devote their attention to countries that, with a reasonable expenditure of money and time, can be completed, as the prospects of having to wait for the many rarities of countries such as United States is not pleasing to them. In fact, nearly all collectors hope to complete their labors at some time or other, even though it be to sell out and start over again. While almost all countries contain some rare or expensive stamps, there are many that can be completed at an expense of one hundred dollars or less, and it is with these that we will deal for the present. This amount will seem like a small fortune to some of the new collectors, but when it is spread over the period of years usually necessary to accumulate a fine complete collection of a country, it is not such a terrific expenditure.

From the financial point of view, a completed country will realize a better sum than a hit-or-miss collection of many countries, even though the latter represents a larger investment. The writer knows of a collector who made two collections. The first was a seven thousand variety collection of ordinary condition, but not a dealer's "made-to-order" lot. It was made up from single specimens collected by the owner. It listed about \$900. and brought \$175., which is about the usual figure for a collection of this kind, when purchased by a dealer. The second collection was made up of certain countries, not more than two dozen, was exceptionally well arranged, and many of the countries were complete or nearly so. In all the collection contained about two thousand varieties, listed \$450. and brought \$200. from the same dealer. Why the difference? Because in the first collection, were many stamps that were unsaleable, and so few countries were complete that the lot was only available for 50% and 60% miscellaneous approvals, not for books by countries, and few of the better class stamps were present. In the second lot, practically all of the stamps were suitable for use in "selections by countries," bringing from 10% to 25% discount, and every stamp was in fine condition. See the difference?

Do not understand me as being in favor of specialism. I am not. I believe all countries should be collected, but special attention should be paid to one country or a group, to suit the pleasure of the collector, and those countries should be collected more deeply than the others and studied more carefully. Every country is interesting when studied by itself. After the collector gets practically all of the medium-priced stamps of a country, he should turn his attention to some other country and work that while picking up the rarities of the first country. Also, as bargains come along for the general collection, they should be absorbed and put away until the time comes to complete that country.

JAMAICA.

This colony in the West Indies has long proven popular with collectors. Its stamps are all within the reach of the average collector; since the highest in catalogue value is only \$4.00, though unused and certain errors list as high as \$10.00. Compared with almost any other country or colony, these prices are much lower than the usual run.

Jamaica has won its favor through the simplicity of its stamp issues and yet through the distinctiveness of them. There are no complicated perforation varieties to distinguish, though there are four different watermarks to be classified. These however are easily distinguished and are for the most part low priced. Only one surcharge is found in the postal issues, though two were made for official use. The specialist may plate

this surcharge if he wishes, or he may be content with one or two specimens of it. In design, Jamaican stamps are attractive. With the exception of the current issue, which is really very handsome the key-plate type of colonials was never used. There are no varieties of paper to confuse the uninformed collector, nor are there any trivial differences of design so commonly met with.

The first issue of Jamaica appeared November 23rd, 1860. The set originally contained the 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d and 1sh denominations, the 3d being issued September 10, 1863. The stamps were manufactured by Messrs. De La Rue & Company, and bore a laureated profile portrait of Queen Victoria. The paper used was watermarked pineapple. Comb perforating machines gauging 14 were used. The designs of this series were used consistently until 1911 through the various changes of watermark and color.

The second series of Jamaica, watermarked Crown and CC (signifying Crown Colony) were issued in the years 1870-71. This change was made to conform with the other Crown Colonies using the new watermarked paper. The use of the pineapple paper, which was employed solely for the first issue of Jamaica, was discontinued.

In 1872, a half-penny value was issued for the first time. Prior to this time, the Post Office recognized the use of the bisected diagonally one penny stamp as a half-penny. This bi-sected stamp is quite scarce. The Crown and CC one penny being issued in 1873, after the issue of the half-penny, and after the repeal of the regulation authorizing bi-sected stamps, has not the same status as the Pineapple watermark.

In 1875, two higher denominations of 2sh and 5sh were issued for the first time, and were perforated 12½ instead of 14.

In 1883, the 4d stamp appeared on the Crown and CA (Crown Agents) paper adopted shortly before that date. The 1d and 2d appeared early in 1884. Owing to the changes in color the following year, the 2d which was only used a short time, is quite scarce. The 1d which was also only in use a short time is more common as more of that value were used.

In 1885 the ½ was issued in pale green on the new paper, while the color of the 1d was changed to carmine from blue, and the 2d to slate from rose. The shade of the 3d was changed to olive green. The 6d was changed to orange yellow from lilac. This latter stamp did not appear until 1890.

In 1889 a law was passed authorizing the use of postage stamps for fiscal purposes and revenue stamps for postage. In this year, a departure was made from the previous designs, and two stamps for both postal and revenue use were issued, in the denominations of 1d, 2d. The stamps were printed from a key-plate made for the colony.

The only surcharge issued for public sale appeared in 1890. Prior to this date, the postal rate on letters to United States was 4d, while the rate from United States to Jamaica was but 5 cents (2½d). On May 29, 1890, notice appeared authorizing the rate of 2½d to United States "under certain conditions". To meet the demand for a stamp of the new value, the current 4d was overprinted with the words "two pence half penny". A permanent stamp of the new value, in the key-plate design of 1889 was ordered, but did not appear until 1891. There are many minor varieties of the surcharge, making it possible to be plated. Also, errors such as double and triple impression, inverted surcharge and misspelled "PFNNY" for "PENNY" are known, though these are scarce.

In the year 1897, the shilling values appeared on the Crown and CA paper for the first time. Up to this date, the designs of the first issue were used ex-

clusively, with the exception of the three values in the key-plate type.

In order to attract a little attention to Jamaica by means of a postage stamp, and to follow in the footsteps of Guiana and other British Colonies, Jamaica decided to issue a pictorial stamp, and accordingly May 3, 1900, an announcement of the new 1d stamp picturing Llandovery Falls. The exact location of the scene shown on the stamp has long puzzled collectors, and it has been rumored that the view is a bit of Welsh scenery and is not Jamaican at all. Authorities claim that the Falls are located in St. Ann, though comparatively unknown. However, we are not able to decide the question.

The picture stamp did not prove as attractive as the Guiana set since that series was bi-colored, so in 1901 the stamp was issued with the frame in carmine and the center in black. The stamps were manufactured by De La Rue & Co. and are on paper watermarked Crown and CC. Several minor varieties are said to exist. The writer owns a mint vertical pair from the bottom of the sheet, which is perforated at the top but imperforate between. Evidently this stamp is from a sheet which did not receive the impression of the comb at the bottom line.

The twentieth century issues are for the most part much scarcer than the nineteenth century. In the year 1903, a new design showing the arms of the colony was adopted, and stamps of the values of ½d and 2½d were issued. In 1904 1d and 5d (a new value) stamps in the new type appeared. These stamps are all on Crown and CA paper and are bi-colored with centers in black. A minor variety consisting of a missing letter "V" in the word "Serviet" occurred.

The financial advantages of a Jamaican collection will be discussed next week.

THE NEW CANADA WAR TAX.

In our chronicle of the new Canada war stamps last week which accompanied the illustrations we stated that it seemed to be singular that the two designs should appear almost simultaneously. An explanation can be easily offered in the fact that while the 1c with War Tax engraved in the plate will be used on mail matter, the special King George design is for Inland Revenue and will be used on medicines, etc.

THE TRINIDAD RED CROSS STAMPS.

The red cross stamps issued late in 1914 were not in the first instance intended for postage, but were sold at one penny per dozen for the benefit of the Red Cross funds and were used as seals. The Governor of Trinidad, however, sanctioned the use of 900 of these labels as half-penny postage stamps, for the purpose of franking envelopes containing circulars appealing for subscriptions to the local Red Cross Society. These were authorized for postal use on one day only, September 18th, 1914, some of the envelopes bear the signature of one of the lady members of the committee and some were unsigned; in some cases the labels are postmarked, in others not. The design is a plain oblong with a red cross in the centre, and inscribed "Trinidad Red Cross Society, one fraction," the labels are printed in red and are perforated.—Whitfield King's List.

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Despite the great European struggle, the serious Mexican situation and other adverse business conditions, precancels are enjoying a great run of prosperity. Scores upon scores of new issues from practically every part of the country have sprung up and even the most advanced collectors have a long way to go before they will catch up to the lengthy precancel procession.

Burlington, Vt., the home of the original authentic precancel, has discarded its old type and is now using a neat two line font.

Lowell, Mass., and Toledo, Ohio, are practically the only cities that still retain their original fonts, both these cities have continually used their original type over a decade without a change.

Salem, Mass., has risen from its charred ruins and is again doing business at the same old stand with a new bold type precancel.

Parcel Post precancels are increasing in popularity by leaps and bounds, many collectors are specializing on them and many of the scarcer varieties are in great demand.

Concord, Mass., the historic Revolutionary town, has recently taken up the precancel method.

Among the Pine Tree State cities using precancels are Portland, Bangor, Augusta, Camden, Auburn, and Westbrook.

Thousands of precancels hail from Boston, but it was not until a few months ago that denominations higher than 8c were used. Boston recently changed its regular type and also prepared a special font for Parcel Post use, many of which are very scarce. It is safe to say double Boston precancels are met with anything but frequently.

Kalamazoo and Ypsilanti are now in the precancel fold. It is said Oshkosh and Kokomo will soon be with us, but even so, the effect on one's jaw is not

nearly as bad as pronouncing some of the European battle grounds.

To accurately rank the greatest users of precancels would be a difficult task for any precancel student. The following is probably a fair rating:—Chicago 1st, New York 2nd, Philadelphia 3d, Brooklyn 4th, Boston 5th, Buffalo 6th, St. Louis 7th, Cleveland 8th, Cincinnati 9th, Milwaukee 10th, Baltimore 11th, Providence 12th.

San Francisco has recently come to the front with a new precancel. The original 'Frisco precancels which were used before the 'quake are mighty good paper at present.

Baltimore, which precanceled postage dues but no regular issues nearly two decades ago, has within the past year shifted types twice and is now consuming vast quantities of various denominations besides many high Parcel Post values.

Akron, Ohio, the home of "auto" tires and numerous types of precancels, has relegated its famous smudgy precancel to the rear and is now using a somewhat better improved type.

The many artistic precancels of former days are now practically obsolete. Fort Wayne has discontinued its frame, Northampton has done away with its circular type, Jackson has discarded its oval, and Lansing has given up its railroad design. Lynn, Mass., is the only city now using a fancy framed precancel.

Providence, which is usually referred to as Providence, R. I., and is one of the precancel pioneers, is now using a new three line type spelling the entire name of city and state. It is over a decade since Providence used a precancel of this type.

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LOOKING FORWARD.

This article is unsigned but philatelists generally will attribute it to C. A. Howes, an authoritative writer on matters of this kind. Our only aim in reprinting this article is to show the possibilities to philately in the peace that must soon become a reality.

The impression seems to be "in the air" that the tremendous European conflict will not last the year out, and prognostication even points to the coming July as about the limit of actual hostilities. Let us hope so for everyone concerned. Of course at present it is more or less of a "draw", but signs are not wanting to show the trend of the final result, especially to those who have followed fairly closely the military and financial aspects of the struggle. This is without prejudice to either side and being based on the current published news, may, of course, be "subject to revision."

One thing is certain, however, and that is that the map of Europe is to undergo some important changes, and that outlying possessions of the Great Powers will be more or less transferred in ownership. The one certain result in Europe is already forecasted, which-ever side wins, and that is the re-constitution of the ancient kingdom of Poland. This has been promised by both Russia and Germany—by the former more as a war measure to enlist the sympathy of the Poles she has so long oppressed, and by the latter with a similar object for the present, but with the future idea of getting a "buffer" state between herself and Russia. Russia's idea is to make Poland an autonomous kingdom under the control of the Empire, but whether Germany's idea is the same or to make it a partner with Austria-Hungary in a new "Triple Kingdom" is not quite clear. At any rate, its philatelic possibilities depend upon how far the "autonomy" is carried.

Turning to the west, Belgium immediately demands attention. Information from Berlin indicates that if Germany succeeds Belgium is doomed, for Germany needs more sea-ports like Antwerp, and she will hold as much as possible of the coast of the English Channel and Straits of Dover as a check-mate to England, even to the inclusion of Dunkirk, Calais, and perhaps Boulogne with that portion of France. On the other hand, the extension of Belgium at least as far as the Rhine, which seems to be the natural boundary between the Franks and the Teutons, would undoubtedly result from the success of the Allies.

Little Luxemburg is slated to accompany Belgium into the federated German Empire in the event of Germany's success, as well as portions of Northern France. Thus, if the Teutonic Allies win at least two album pages will be closed in Western Europe for the stamp collector. If the Allies win there is also a suggestion of returning the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein to Denmark, from which they were filched by Prussia and Austria about 1865. But this is one of the "minor details" which will give the stamp collector no concern.

Southeastern Europe—the "Balkan cauldron"—next demands our attention. Serbia and Montenegro are doomed in

case of German success, there are no two ways about that; the iron heel of Austria will be upon them and she will trample rough shod to the Aegean, her goal for years. Greece will have to give way, even if she has kept neutral, for she was the former ally of Serbia and Montenegro and now holds the port of Salonica which Austria covets. But Greece cannot be pushed too far if she does not become a belligerent, as her Queen is Emperor William's sister.

On the other hand, if the Allies succeed both Serbia and Montenegro will gain territory at the expense of Austria by taking Bosnia and Herzegovina at least. Serbia has also been promised her desire for a sea-coast outlet, which Austria robbed her of by constituting the new Kingdom of Albania. What will become of Albania is somewhat problematical, as Italy has interests there, but Italy's influence at the final settlement depends considerably upon her action before the war ends!

Bulgaria and Rumania are of course "on the fence" at present, and if they so remain there will doubtless be little "coming to them." Both are ruled by German Princes, yet Bulgaria is a Slavonic nation and should naturally lean toward Russia, while Rumania is avowedly friendly to the latter, though her population is related to the Latins. Bulgaria, however, is so intensely hostile to both Serbia and Greece as a result of the last Balkan War, that it would really surprise no one greatly if she finally joined the Turco-Teutonic combination—which would immediately bring Greece and Rumania into the conflict, with Italy undoubtedly at their heels if she had not already taken the step. Teutonic success would then mean the Greater Bulgaria which is her ambition, and the Allies' success would undoubtedly forever rob her of even her present importance.

We have now reached Turkey, and here we have a problem within a problem. If the Allies win, the Turk in Europe is doomed—but if he is simply pushed into Asia he will "adorn" our albums still. His European dominions, which amount to but little now outside of Constantinople, would probably be controlled by the Power that held the latter city in order to safeguard the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, and this would mean that a part of Turkey in Asia would also be held to protect these Straits on that side. Russia is the logical new master of this territory, on which she has set her heart for centuries in order that she may have a free and unobstructed passage from the Black Sea. Several times she has had it within her grasp and been held back by the power of England and France. Will they reverse their former policy this time? This is the inner problem. It has been suggested that the Straits and Constantinople be "neutralized" and turned over to King Albert of Belgium to administer; in fact it is claimed that this agreement exists among the Triple Entente. But there are grave doubts if Russia, at the final showdown, will give up possession if she once gets it. Terribly unfortunate would be a split upon that rock at the end!

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than ever at Constantinople, and while there would be practically no European territory to give her, the Germans propose to restore Egypt to the Sultan. Then a firm treaty between the Austro-German and Turkish Empires would give the Germans a free hand in industrial and commercial relations from Central Europe to the Persian Gulf and also put the Suez Canal in their control. That would mean England's ruin, for the German purpose then would be the "freeing" of India and the extension of Germany's interests and influence again into the far East. Does this not show why the Turks were brought into the struggle?

There remains now the overseas dominions. The Germans demand, naturally, the return of all Colonies taken from them, and the handing over of all the French Colonies as well, which would doubtless include the Portuguese African Colonies. The French Protectorates of Tunis and Morocco as well as Algiers will also be demanded. Besides this "the greater part of the British Colonies" are included and the Belgian Congo. The effect of this would be to make practically the whole of Africa German, to give Germany footholds in all the seas for her commerce and its protection by her navy, and to reduce Great Britain and France to impotence. As regards the demands upon Russia it is proposed that the Baltic Provinces be "returned" to Germany and that Finland be constituted a kingdom and united with Sweden.

Italy only is now left. Does anyone suppose, after the Kaiser's threat, that she would be shown any consideration even if she stuck to her neutrality? Oh no! Trent and Trieste, which she now seeks, would be lost forever, and her new African dominion in Tripoli would without doubt be demanded to round out the new German African Empire. Would Italy dare protest?

The above covers pretty well the possibilities as well as the probabilities which ever combination wins, and the material has been gathered from several authoritative sources and is not wholly imaginative as future months will show.—
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EDITORIAL.

Signals Mixed—The usually alert postmaster nods occasionally and it is then the duty of Washington to awaken him with a shout. Some weeks ago, the third assistant postmaster general issued a notice: "The postmaster at San Francisco, Cal., has reported that he receives frequent requests from other postmasters for Panama-Pacific commemorative postage stamps. To obtain these stamps, postmasters should not apply to the postmaster at San Francisco, but should draw requisition upon the Third Assistant Postmaster General," etc. It is explained that as these stamps are printed in sheets of seventy stamps, orders for the stamps should be in 70 or a multiple. It is stipulated: "The Department will not expedite requisitions for the Panama-Pacific stamps. They are usually shipped within a week after receipt of requisition. The value of the Panama-Pacific stamps, handled must be included in postmasters' quarterly stamp accounts."

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They Come—We are late in reporting that we were informed nearly a month ago of a reduction in letter postage between the United States and Barbados and the Leeward Islands. By this token the postage on letters mailed in Barbados and the Leeward Islands (including Antigua, Barbuda, Redonda, St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla, Dominica, Montserrat and the Virgin Islands) is reduced to one penny or two cents in our money. The new rate is effective April 1, 1915. Thus, the British colonies named take their stand with Newfoundland, Bahamas and British Honduras in the enjoyment of penny postage with the United States which shares in the boon reciprocally. We look for further accessions to the ranks.

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Good Signs—There are indications of activity in the philatelic publishing world. The first number of the *Stamp Journal* combined with *Collectors' Blue Book* has appeared as a March-April

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issue. It gives details of its absorption of a number of journals and promises well for the future. A newcomer, the *Stamp Trade*, a monthly for stamp dealers is particularly welcome. It is a well conducted sheet that covers its special field ably; and we are pleased to notice that it stands for the higher principles in commercial philately. The April number of the *Albamarle Stamp Collector* is very interesting and instructive; and in its enlarged form, the paper is a valuable contribution to the journalism of the day. We notice that the editor says that no mention was made of China's recent admission—September 1, 1914, effective in an American paper, according to his recollection. We had due notice of the alliance and should have recorded it.

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Rousing Testimonial—Some of the letters that come to our office from readers are highly interesting and bespeak a sense of comradeship between them and our paper. While it is not our intention to take advantage of this feeling of intimacy yet it may be at times that we do not exercise the utmost delicacy in speaking of matters that may have been submitted merely for our own edification, but we presume in a good cause at least. The following letter has impressed us and knowing that its very human interest will appeal to readers we cannot forbear from speaking of it publicly. The letter is from the Hon. W. Parker Lyon of Pasadena and Fresno, California; and it is one of the most glowing and eloquent tributes to philately that we have ever read.

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The Endorsement—Mr. Lyon says: "So many of my old friends so often express amazement that a man such as myself who until recently was deeply engrossed in politics and business could live in full contentment in a city many miles from home with the sole occupation of collecting stamps for pleasure. Five years ago I was a sick man. I was mayor of my home city and was at the head of a large mercantile business which required great care and attention. Further, it was necessary that I look after twenty-nine other stores that I owned in the same city. My doctors insisted that I give up everything connected with business and take a rest. I went abroad and tried to find a location that was relatively satisfactory only to return home with the conviction that I could not get along without something to engage my mind. Finally, almost in desperation, my doctor told me to try stamp collecting."

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CANADIAN WAR TAX STAMPS.

By A. J. DAVISON.

There seems to be quite a lot of misunderstanding re the new war stamp issues of Canada. The tax for Inland Revenue has been in force since February 12, 1915. The stamps used for this were the ordinary 5c, 20c and 50c postage stamps surcharged in black and the 50c in red, with the words "War Tax" and "Inland Revenue War Tax". These were discontinued when the new stamps were issued of the same denominations with the words "Inland Revenue" printed round the profile of King George.

April 15, saw the commencement of the postage war tax, tax on checks, notes, drafts and patent medicines. The postage tax is the 1c green and the 2c carmine, both stamps with the cut-out-on-plate "War Tax", the 1c being used for letters and postals and the 2c for money orders.

There are great quantities of ones to be had, but the twos promise to be a scarce variety and collectors will do well to hold the twos. Here in one of the largest cities in Canada they cannot be obtained, the stock having been exhausted early after the tax was operative. From all information I can gather there will be no more printed and the ordinary twos are being sent out in place of the "War Taxes." The other issue for inland revenue purposes can not be used to pay postage or as war tax stamps on letters or postals, but banks and druggists may use war tax postage stamps or ordinary stamps to cover the tax on medicines, checks, etc.

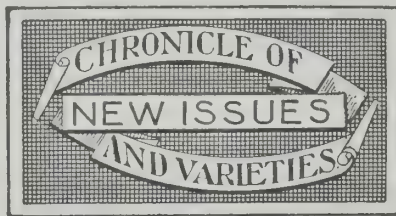
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BAVARIA.—The *Portzegelnieuws* is quoted by *Ewen's Weekly* as saying that the 20pf of the 1914 set has been seen with the usual "E" perforation for railway use.

CHINA.—Whitfield King & Co. report having received the following values printed at the Chinese Bureau of Engraving: 1/2c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c and 10c; also Postage Due 1c. These stamps were previously printed by Waterlow & Sons, London.

Smith's Circular reports two post cards issued, with stamps of the current adhesive type. They are lithographed, and bear the imprint, "Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Pekin, China."

Post Cards.

4c red on cream.
4x4c red on cream.

DUTCH INDIES.—According to the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung*, as translated by *Ewen's Weekly*, several additional adhesives in the figure type without background, and a long list of Postage Due adhesives are reported.

Adhesives.

2c brown.
3c orange.
4c blue.
7 1/2c gray.

Postage Due Adhesives.

2 1/2c red.
10c red.
15c red.
20c red.
30c red.
40c red.
50c red.
75c red.

FRANCE.—Offices in Morocco.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 50c and 1pe stamps of the 1911 issue, with the additional "Protecorat Francais" overprint, as previously announced.

GUINEA.—Whitfield King & Co. report the following Provisionals, all surcharged on the 1902 Provisionals, "Repubblica" 115 on 2 1/2, 5, 25, 40 and 50 reis; 130 on 80, 100, 150, 200 and 300 reis; "Provisorio" 15, 50 and 75 reis, and 50 on 65 reis.

LOURENÇO MARQUES.—Lemaire's Journal reports two provisionals, one being in black on the 5r of the old issue, surcharged "Repubblica" and the other in red on the current centavo issue.

Provisional Adhesives.

1/4c on 5r orange.
1/4c on 1/2c black.

MEXICO.—"There are some great doings in that unhappy country," writes Hermann Focke, "a great many, more or less spurious, provisionals having been manufactured, as it seems, with the connivance of enterprising postmasters, principally in the Carranza zone of influence, i. e., the State of Vera Cruz. As these creations are offered for sale on the entire covers, they have the appearance of genuineness. The following varieties I have seen so far:

"a. The set of 1910 Centenarian stamps from 1c to 1 peso surcharged with large Monogram G. C. M. in red instead of purple. These stamps originate from the City of Vera Cruz.

"b. The same set, surcharged ver-

tically in various colors and very crudely 'Gob. Const.'

"c. The 2c apple green and the 3c orange of the Denver set surcharged in three lines 'Vale—20 cts—1914' in black, at Cordoba (Vera Cruz).

"d. Various revenue stamps of the 1913-14 and 1914-15 issues surcharged in red ink 'CORREOS' with and without additional surcharge of 'Gobierno Constitucionalista'.

"Fortunately the prices asked by the Mexicans are such that no collector will easily invest in the stamps, thus a cover with set 'a' and a 10c U. S. stamp (present issue) posted at Vera Cruz, was priced at \$35.00 U. S. currency. Two covers with one specimen of the 2 varieties under 'c' at \$5.00 U. S. currency each, and so on."

NEW BRITAIN.—The *Australian Philatelist* gives the following as the quantities of the German New Guinea stamps over-printed by the British invaders.

1d on 3pfg,	1,280
1d on 5pfg,	4,558
2d on 10pfg,	5,290
2d on 20pfg,	5,397
3d on 25pfg,	309
3d on 30pfg,	347
4d on 40pfg,	737
5d on 50pfg,	282
8d on 80pfg,	328
1sh on 1 mark,	63
2sh on 2 marks,	57
3sh on 3 marks,	48
5sh on 5 marks,	35

Two post cards were also overprinted "G. R. I." and new value in English money.

1d on 5pf green.
2d on 10pf carmine.

PERSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have informed us that as the last issue, as well as the recent Provisionals, are exhausted, they have resorted to the 1910 issue, which are now being used on all correspondence.

SPAIN.—Offices in Morocco.—Two of the current postcards of Spain have been overprinted "Marruecos," in red on the 5c and in blue on the 10c.

Post Cards.

5c green.
10c scarlet.

SURINAM.—Ewen's Weekly translates from the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* the announcement of the following stamps in the new design, and Postage Dues in a single color.

Adhesives.

7 1/2c gray.
10c red.
15c olive.
20c green.
22 1/2c orange.
25c violet.
30c slate.
50c green.
2 1/2c red.

Postage Due Adhesives.

2 1/2c lilac.
20c lilac.
25c lilac.
40c lilac.

TUNIS.—According to *Ewen's Weekly*, the 15c stamp overprinted a red cross, recently noted, thus becomes available for 10 centimes postage, the other five centimes being devoted to the Red Cross fund.

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Canal Zone 1906, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10c (cat. .52)	.20
Cayman Is. 1900, 1/2, 1d unused	.10
1905, 1/2, 1d, unused (cat. 1.12)	.40
Ceylon 1900, 2, 3, 4c unused (cat. .40)	.15
1904, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 15c un'd (cat. .73)	.35
Chile 1905, 1, 2, 3, 5c unused	.10
Crete 1905, 2, 5, 10, 20, unused	.20
Danish W. I. 1905, 5, 10, 20, 25b un'd.	.25
Dominica 1903, 1/2, 1, 2 1/2d, un'd (cat. .56)	.25
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73 Gold Coast 1913, 3p violet yellow	.25
78 1913, 5sh green & red yellow	2.50
89 Grenada 1914, 3p violet yellow	.25
90 1914, 1sh green	.60
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57 1914, 1sh green	.50
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57 Nigeria 1914, 3p violet yellow	.25
6 1914, 4p black & red yellow	.25
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52 2col carm. rose & dark grn.	2.00	.70
53 5col brown & black	4.50	1.00
54 10col yellow grn. & brn.	9.00	2.00
54 20c olive green & black	.20	.08
65 25c gray lilac & black	.25	.10
66 50c red lilac & blue	.50	.15
67 1col brown & black	1.00	.30
68 2col claret & green	2.00	.65
80 5c yellow & blue	.08	.03
159 Cuba, 4m orange brown	.50	.20
36 Ecuador, 5c on 1s blue	.15	.07
178 20c green & black	.25	.10
179 50c gray & black	.50	.20
180 1s black	.75	.30
682 1c red and black	.60	.25
683 2c blue and black	.60	.25
684 5c yellow and black	.75	.30
685 10c red and black	.75	.30
686 20c blue and black	.85	.35
86b Hayti, 10c yellow & black centre inverted	..	2.00
278 Honduras, 1c violet	..	.10
286 2c green	..	.10
287 5c carmine	..	.15
301 Porto Rico, 1c deep claret	.50	.20
302 2c deep claret	.60	.25
25 St. Chris., 1p rose	.12	.04
48b Somalis, 5fr orge & blue, inv.	..	2.50
*89 Spain, 4c blue	.25	.10
61 Swiss, 5c brown, pair	2.00	.60
95 Costa Rica, 2c on 50c claret	.06	.03
96 2c on 1col brown	.10	.05
97 2c on 2col red	.10	.05
98 2c on 5col green	.20	.10
99 2c on 5c orange	.20	.10
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See A. O. Durland adv. Mekeel's Apr. 24. [tf]

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We are indebted to J. Rausch of San Francisco for a copy of the Official Guide to the Panama-Pacific Exposition. It is the expectation of the managing editor to attend the A. P. S. convention in August, and this courtesy by Mr. Rausch is appreciated.

—The WEEKLY acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend the World Court Congress to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, May 12-13-14. We note that the Hon. Charles Lathrop Pack is a member of the Committee of One Hundred in charge of the program for what is designed to be a notable peace congress.

—The S. P. A. convention will be held at Reading, Pa., Aug. 5-6-7. A Brooklyn Branch of the S. P. A. has just been formed, as has a Washington, D. C. Branch.

—We are indebted to various of our subscribers for information concerning the Canada War Tax. Letters are at hand from Hilliard Dusang, W. W. Walsh, E. W. Sawyer and Geo. A. Hargraff. We think the nature of the services of the two sets of war tax stamps are now understood by our subscribers.

—M. E. J.—We do not know what your used German Morocco with surcharge inverted is worth. We should advise you to ask one of your dealer friends who would know more about stamp values than the editor of the WEEKLY.

—Wendover Neefus, Hudson, N. Y., would like name of party in Batesville, Indiana, who remitted for order on March 25.

—In the *Classmate* for April 10, published by the Methodist Book Concern, is an article by C. L. Chamberlin of more than ordinary interest to the stamp collector. It is entitled "United States Postage Stamps," and we are indebted to O. R. Hunderson for the clipping.

—We have received a letter from Hilliard D. Dusang, the postage being paid by a 1c and 2c Canadian War Tax stamp. Mr. Dusang says, "At first letters which had the 2c War Tax on would go to the dead letter office but the law has been changed now and this stamp is valid for postage." It would seem as though this stamp would ultimately find recognition in the stamp catalogs, now that the original regulations have been changed as indicated.

—"Students are being sent from the University of Oregon as guides at the Oregon Building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and I have been one of the fortunate ones selected. Shall be glad to pay particular attention to A. P. S. members and am looking forward with much anticipation to the coming convention."—J. L. WHITMAN, Eugene, Ore.

—M. Ohlman submits a specimen copy of a very low priced yet excellent approval card, and interested parties will do well to correspond with him.

—The firm of Bridger & Kay, 71 Fleet St., London, Eng., has just issued a large price-list of British Colonial stamps. It is a splendid book and should be in the hands of every collector. It will no doubt be sent on request.

—From Fred Michael, Chicago, Ill., we have received his May, 1915, new issue list. It is a pretentious list covering a wide range of desirable stamps.

—"The Villa authorities have issued a set of stamps in the Sonora Coach design for Southern District of California, except that the reading is 'Distrito Sur de ha Baja Cal.' in place of 'Sonora'. The seal is red in place of green and the background gray. I have seen the 5 centavo but presume the set comes in the 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50c."—W. J. STANTON.

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contrary it was regarded by them as a counterfeit and its appearance threw such a scare into them that the entire 'transitorio' set was discontinued (except in the Monterrey district, where it was protected by the Monterrey surcharge) and a new set of entirely different design was ordered. The use of the '5c perf. Transitorio' in certain offices in the western district was entirely unauthorized and irregular, and was promptly suppressed."—S. B. HOPKINS.

—At the next informal meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society to be held at the club room, Tremont Building, on May 4th, Mr. Frank L. Coes of Worcester will give a little talk on the treatment of the portrait of Queen Victoria on different postage stamps by various engravers. He will illustrate it with a lantern and colored slides and as the Boston Society is contemplating the purchase of a similar outfit it is hoped there will be a large attendance. Come and bring a friend who is interested in stamp collecting.

NEW AUSTRALIANS.

The latest to hand in the King George design are the 1/2d and 5d and another shade of the 4d. We might say with regard to the latter that, while up till recently, the 4d King George was on sale at the Sydney office in an orange yellow color, similar stamps were only obtainable in Melbourne in a deep orange. Last week the color of the stamps on sale at the Sydney office was a pale orange.

Owing to a shortage of paper a week's supply for the Melbourne Post Office of the 2d kangaroo stamps was printed on the King George paper, the watermark on which is slightly different from the kangaroo paper.

The 5d King George, which was quite a surprise, comes to us perf. 14 on the single line machine. In all probability it will be seen shortly perforated on the comb machine.

Watermark Cr. and A.

1/2d, George, emerald green.

4d, George, pale orange.

5d, George, bistre brown.

2d kangaroo on K. G. paper.

—Aust. Philatelist.

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May 18—Nassau, U. S., Mex.-Sonora.
May 21—Franklin, Varied.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE BUSINESS SIDE OF JAMAICA.

In our last week's discussion of the country of Jamaica, we touched only on the biographical side. This week, we will analyze the country from a financial point of view, and see whether money invested in Jamaican stamps is a good investment or not.

Let us consider first the "Pineapple" set of 1860-3, which was the first series to appear from the colony. This set, like the first issue of almost any country, is rare, and much in demand. It compares well with the "classical" issues. My experience has been that these stamps are far scarcer than price would indicate. In the '80's and '90's, it was a favorite pastime of collectors to hunt through Jamaican stocks for Pineapples, and the only reason the sport has diminished is because the supply has also diminished. Perfect copies of this set are almost unobtainable, though poor and fair copies are not as uncommon. If I had any superb copies of this set, I should want considerably over catalogue for them. Let us consider the prices as given by Gibbons 1915, Scott 1910 and Scott 1915:

Value	Scott 1910	Scott 1915	Gibbons 1914-15
*1d	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$2.12
1d	.15	.35	.50
2d	1.50	2.50	2.50
3d	1.00	1.25	1.50
4d	1.25	1.50	2.12
6d	.85	1.25	1.87
1sh	.60	1.00	1.50
Set used	\$5.35	\$7.85	\$9.99

From the above table, it will be seen that the price of used copies has advanced nearly 50% in five years, amounting to an increase of approximately 10% a year. In other words, these stamps are worth 50% more than their cost price in 1910 and have been paying a dividend of 10% a year.

In comparing the prices of Jamaica, using the 1910 and 1915 Scott lists, the writer noted that while no stamp had decreased in value in that period, all save five have increased in value. Comparisons with the Gibbons catalogue indicate that the prices will rise even higher in the future.

The Crown and CC has advanced also, as follows:

Value	Scott 1910	Scott 1915	Gibbons 1914-15
1d	\$.04	\$.15	\$.16
2d	.04	.15	.25
3d	.75	1.00	1.50
4d	.18	.40	.50
6d	.15	.35	.36
1sh	.35	.50	.50
Set used	\$1.51	\$2.55	\$3.27

The advance on this set, amounting to 60% in five years, is even greater than on the Pineapple set. This, however, may be accounted for by the fact that the Pineapples are more expensive and have come nearer to the level, where they will remain for a while, or will advance more slowly. As a rule, stamps do not increase as rapidly as these two sets, and few stamps increase continually in price. While low in price, they are much in demand and sell readily, thus forcing up the price. After a certain plane is reached, the sales are not as easily made and the stamps, while they do continue to advance, do not go up with the leaps and bounds of cheaper stamps. I am firm of the opinion that the Crown and CC set will continue to advance until it, too, is priced in the dollars.

The unused set is priced to-day at \$15.25, as against \$11.00 five years ago. Since the law of supply and demand regulates stamp prices as well as all other values, and since the demand for

unused is not as great as for used, though the unused are scarcer, the price has not advanced as fast. Unused copies with original gum, and well centered, of these issues are very scarce, and command high prices in proportion to catalogue.

The 2sh and 5sh values have not proven good investments, since they have failed to increase materially. The 2sh Crown and CA is the best of the lot, and has advanced from 75c to \$1.25, or 60%. Unused, the advance is from \$1.00 to \$1.50, or 50%. Also, the 5sh Crown and CA has advanced 20% or from \$2.50 to \$3.00 for unused copies. Of course, in the twentieth century, the 2sh Multiple Crown and CA is one of the rarities of the country, and has advanced from 70c to \$4.00 in five years, or an increase of nearly 600%! This stamp, by the way, is a real rarity for this small country, and is eagerly sought by dealers. A recent buying quotation from a dealer was \$3.25. The used stamp is far scarcer than the unused, but the price is somewhat lower. The 2sh violet on blue promises to be a fair stamp for these high values. The 5sh 1905-9 (Multiple) promises little future, owing to its continued use.

The other nineteenth century issues have all shown an increase, though not as strong as the two mentioned above. The 6d yellow shade of 1885-90 has increased, used, from 25c to 75c. This is one of the few large jumps.

In the fifteen years of the twentieth century, Jamaica has certainly kept things lively. Not by a flood of surcharges, or even many issues, but the scarcity of the stamps themselves have kept collectors busy.

As a matter of fact, Jamaica has issued only one stamp without sufficient cause or necessity. That is the 1d Llandovery Falls stamp. There was no real reason for the issue of this stamp, excepting that many of the other colonies were issuing like stamps, and Jamaica wished to follow suit. However, the stamp in question is a low priced one and bothers no one. Every other issue was necessary. The twentieth century issues follow those of most of the other colonies, being Single CA; Multiple CA; New Color Scheme, and King George.

The Single CA values are quite common, both unused and used and hence are advancing slowly. The 5d has advanced from 30c to 75c unused in the five years, and the used has advanced from 25c to 75c. In the last year, this stamp has increased from 50c and 35c to 75c, and I believe that the next issue of the catalogue will find it still higher. This is an odd value and but little used.

The Multiple CA set in the old colors is one of the scarcest in the twentieth century, and nice used copies are far scarcer than the unused. This is accounted for by the fact that most new issue services send out the stamps unused, while the used ones must come through the mail. The 1/2d is probably the commonest stamp of the set, and I doubt if ever be a "record breaker," though it will advance. The 1d is quite scarce used. The unused which was listed at 50c in 1912 was advanced to \$1.00 in 1914, but as this price seemed excessive and supplies were put on the market, the price dropped to 60c in 1915. I believe it will remain in this neighborhood for a year or two, and will then advance a little. The stamp is not common, but my experience has been that the used copies are the scarcest. In writing up the rest of this country, it will be to no avail to use the 1910 catalogue since many of these stamps were current at that time, and are priced as such. I cannot help wishing, however, for a sheet of the two shilling stamp at the price of 70c as listed in the 1910 book.

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In my own collection, I had more trouble in securing the 4d stamp of the Multiple set than any of the others, including the two shilling. I finally picked up a canceled copy, but waited a great deal longer for my unused specimen. I believe this 4d stamp is harder to find than any other Jamaican stamp, unless it be certain of the Pineapples, and will be mistaken if the near future does not make this a \$5.00 stamp. The stamp does not seem to be in as much demand as the two shilling, as it has not received the publicity, but I have seen far fewer of them.

The 5d Multiple is likewise scarce, and scarcer canceled. The 6d is not so scarce as the above two, but is a good one. The shilling is rather elusive unused, and I have never been able to secure a canceled copy, even though it is listed at a price lower than any other shilling. I look for a decided increase in this stamp used.

Now we come to the much-talked of two shilling. This stamp was one of the last in the set to be issued, appearing November, 1908. Two shilling stamps are not used to much extent, and 50c a stamp is a lot of money when the thousands of new issues are considered. Therefore, many collectors postponed buying their copy until too late. The 2 shilling in the new color scheme appeared without notice September, 1910, and the opportunity of getting the old color 2 shilling was gone. Immediately, collectors wanted it, and many are still wanting it. It is worth \$3.50 to \$4.00 to-day and Gibbons lists it at a pound. Used copies are equally scarce and are worth practically as much. I believe this stamp will before long be classed with the 2sh 6d British New Guinea and the 1sh New Hebrides, and certainly deserves the honor.

The five shilling stamp is still current and must be treated as such. Used copies are not common, but can be had with a little patience.

Of the new color set, the 4d printed in black on yellow paper is the star. This stamp was also short-lived and was replaced without notice by the red on yellow. I remember well the day I received my supply of these stamps and how I sold them at 12c each, about five years ago. The latest auction quotation is \$2.25, and the stamp is worth it. Canceled copies are practically unknown, and are worth more than unused. I have only seen one, and that one cost me 80% of catalogue three years ago.

The 3d stamp is quite fair, but is rather common canceled. Worth holding, however. The 6d is, I believe, a little high at 85c, as quite a number of copies seem to be floating around. Nice used copies are much scarcer than unused. The shilling is rather good. The two shilling is still current, but will be worth having, I think, as used copies are not plentiful.

The 2d gray Edward (the only Edward stamp issued) was put on sale after the death of the king, and was only in use a short time. It is an odd value and does not appear to be as common as the 3d.

The 4d red on yellow is very good, though too recent to be appreciated. I believe it will advance materially before long. The 6d Arms type is another good stamp worth buying for speculation. I have never found a used copy that was not damaged by soaking. Used are far scarcer than unused.

Of the King George issues, which are still current, little can be said. All values are appearing on the mail. The 2d is quite scarce, the 1/2, 1d, and 2 1/2 are scarcely worth saving, and 3d are used quite extensively on registered mail to U. S. Values above 3d are not of course, as rare as those of the other West Indian colonies, in canceled condition, but will never be really common.

The "white-backs" or more strictly speaking, the values on surface-colored paper, will without doubt prove good investments. This holds true in all the colonies. The shilling value, being the latest to appear, will be the best stamp of the three, I believe, and I would urge all collectors to invest in a copy. Quite a number of 3d were used, and seem to be quite as common as the yellow-backs, but no doubt, the supply will be readily absorbed. The 4d is not frequently met with, and will be better by far than the 3d.

What will Jamaica do next? The island was the first and only colony to use a pineapple watermark; was the first to use the King George key-plate of the particular type used, and was the first to issue White-back stamps. What next?

From the above summary, collectors will readily see that Jamaican stamps are "good business." They seem to be the only ones that always win and never lose.

In preparing this article and the one of last week, I must give the credit for the biography to Mr. Melville, who has so ably treated the subject in his little hand-book. For the benefit of any collector who wishes to learn more of this little colony and its postal affairs, let me suggest that they invest a quarter in the Melville book on the stamps of "Jamaica."

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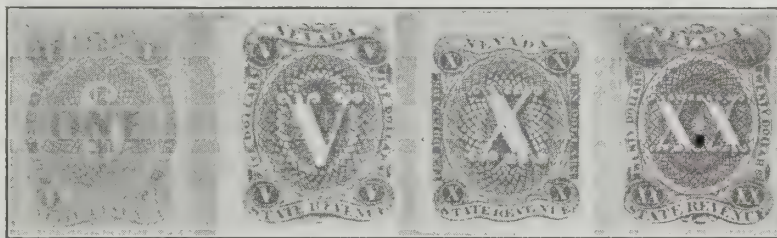
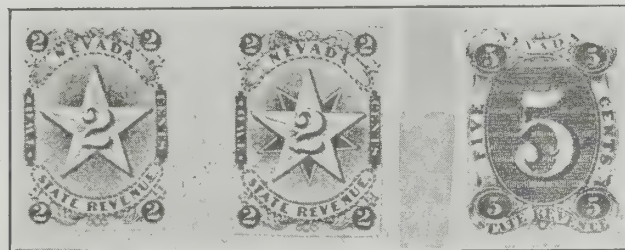
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THE DOCUMENTARY REVENUE STAMPS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA.

By FRANK L. APPELGATE.

Certain points in connection with the revenue stamps of Nevada, like those of California, have always been shrouded in mystery. After a great deal of correspondence and research I am now prepared to report on some of these while certain other problems must still be left unsolved. In the course of my researches I was particularly fortunate in making the acquaintance and enlisting the aid of Dr. S. L. Lee, an old time resident of Carson City, a member of the State Board of Health and withal an enthusiastic student of stamps and

passed by the legislature of 1865, and went into effect on the first Monday in May, 1865. The Act specified that the sum of \$3000, should be taken from the general fund, by the State Controller for the purpose of securing the necessary plates and the printing of sufficient stamps to meet the demands of the State or such portion of the said three thousand dollars as might be necessary. By examining the State Treasurer's report for 1866, it will be seen that the plates and printing cost only \$600. In the text of the Act, there is no



especially the issues in question. We will allow Dr. Lee to report his findings in regard to the history of the Nevada revenues:

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mention made of the denominations to be printed and at this late date it is impossible to ascertain the number of each, nor can I find out the exact amount, in dollars and cents, that was issued in the aggregate, but from the meagre data at my command, conclude that the first printing amounted to \$350,000 worth of stamps, face value. I have reason for believing that all of this first issue were unrouletted. Of course, I may be mistaken in this, but I find that in 1872 the Controller had \$41,500

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The law specified that the Controller should have a sufficient number printed for the Use of the State and County Treasurers and then turn the plates over to the Secretary of State, taking his receipt therefor and turning the stamps over to the State Treasurer. When an emergency arose, calling for another issue, the above procedure was to be again enacted.

Where those plates are now it is impossible to say. The present Secretary of State knows nothing about them. I can find no present official and but one of a former administration who has the least memory of what the plates looked like. Mr. P. B. Ellis, Atty. at Law, was Deputy Secretary of State in 1885-9, recalls their appearance and says they were either copper or steel, and feels quite sure that they were the former. They were, probably, carried down to the basement of the capitol, thrown among the rubbish and subsequently hauled to the garbage heap.

I find in my examination of the Treasurers' reports from 1866 to 1875 that the stamps sold during those years aggregated \$125,972.94 and by years as follows: 1865-6, \$17,810; 1867, \$22,464.65; 1868, \$35,865.41; 1869, \$15,534.18; 1870, \$740.94; 1871, \$24,269.02; 1872, \$9,288.74 = \$125,972.94.

I have overhauled with the assistance of Mr. Frank Pyne, of the State Library, the documents, reports and legislative proceedings of 1865, and among the latter, we found the report of the Controller, A. W. Nightengale, for the above year, but it was most unsatisfactory. He simply states that there had been sold "about" \$20,000 worth of stamps for the eight months the law had been in operation. That the greatest expense had been in getting out the first issue, that hereafter the only expense would be for the printing, which would be insignificant. He concludes by saying that there were enough on hand to last throughout the coming year (1866).

Owing to increase of real and personal property and proceeds from mines, the legislature repealed the stamp act on the 2d day of February, 1873. The remainders were in the hands of the State Treasurer, he having called in all that were in the possession of the several County Treasurers, until the 31st day of December, 1873, when he turned them over to the State Controller. The remainders amounted to \$223,637.87, which added to the amount sold, \$125,972.94 = \$349,581.13, which leaves a discrepancy of \$618.67 of stamps unaccounted for upon the assumption that \$350,000 were issued. It is highly probable that this amount, \$618.67, was sold between the first day of January and the second day of February, 1873, when the Act was repealed. I do not find any evidence of such sale but it is most improbable that none were disposed of.

I know that the remainders were in the possession of the State Controller as late as 1884. Then there were many

of the high values in his vault, but I have reason to believe that none can be found there now. No law has ever been passed as to their final disposition. No one about the capitol has ever been interested in stamps of any kind, so it is a mystery as to what has become of them. Probably they found an end in the same way as did the plates.

The stamps were to be supplied to the several County Treasurers in amounts necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. Any person purchasing from the State or County Treasurers stamps to the amount of \$50.00 and not exceeding \$100 was allowed a commission of 5%. On amounts exceeding \$100 and up to \$500, a commission of 8% and in any amount exceeding \$500, a commission of 10%. County Treasurers were allowed for their own use a commission of 3% on all stamps sold by them.

In the law there were 70 items or instruments mentioned upon which stamps should be applied and the amount thereon. I mention the following as appearing in the list: Affidavits, 5 cents; Bills of Exchange, 2 cents on each \$100; Bills of Sale, 5 cents; Official Bonds, \$1.00; Indemnifying Bonds, 50 cents on each \$1,000; Mortgages, 50 cents for each \$500; R. R. Bonds, same as mortgages; Bonds of all other descriptions, 25 cents; Contracts, Broker's, 10 cents; Life Insurance, 25 cents on each \$1,000 up to \$5,000.

Unless the future may discover a Controller's more amplified report for 1865-6, the name of the engraver of the plates and printer of the stamps will never be positively known, although it is probable that the contract was awarded to Valentine & Francis, as that firm did most of the engraving and ornamental printing on the Pacific Coast during the 60's and 70's.

I wish to acknowledge the great and generous assistance rendered me in my research by the Hon. P. B. Ellis and Mr. Frank Pyne, State Librarian."

THE 1865 IMPERFORATES.

The issue of 1865, consisting of ten values, were all issued imperforate, some with gum and some without. A thin, hard, white wove paper is common to all values, but there are certain exceptions to this rule. The plate arrangements and principal varieties as far as can be ascertained from such full sheets and part sheets as are now known to be in existence, is as follows:

Two Cents—These were all of the variety known as "single star," having reference to the large star in the middle of the design. There were at least two sheets used for this stamp, at least two plate arrangements. One shows fifty impressions, arranged in five horizontal rows of ten each, and the other is arranged in eight rows of eight impressions or sixty-four to the sheet. There are two spacings between the stamps as arranged on the plates, one about one and one-fourth millimeters between designs, and the other much wider, ranging from two and one-half to three and one-half millimeters. I am not prepared to say to which plate the wide spacing belongs, but believe to the

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fifty stamp plate which I believe was used first, and that the impression from this sheet is the one with the faint outer line. Under this variety comes the stamp printed in orange of different shades, some quite rare and the scarce bright yellow as well. Some of this variety in orange come on a heavy wove paper, quite distinct. The stamps from the other plate have a much heavier outer line and come in a more uniform color and paper.

Four Cents—The four cent stamps were from one plate of eighty impressions, consisting of eight horizontal rows of ten each. It was never gummed and never rouletted.

Five Cents—These were printed from a plate consisting of two panes of fifty each. Some were on a very heavy wove, even thicker than that of the two cent mentioned above, in a gray green color, but the great majority of them were on the usual thin, hard paper, and in yellow green, dark yellow green and dull green ink.

Ten Cents—There were two plates for the 10 cent value. One consisting of fifty impressions, in five horizontal rows of ten, and one of eighty in eight rows of ten as in the four cent. The sheets of fifty came from the printer both with and without gum, but those of eighty stamps were always ungummed. As in the two cent, there is considerable variation between the spacing on the sheet.

Twenty-five Cents—I cannot ascertain for sure how many there were of this value to the sheet, but it is thought either sixty-four or eighty. It is thought also that they were originally ungummed and that some copies which are found with gum, have been so treated unofficially, as the gum on these is peculiar and does not correspond with the gum found on other values. This gum imparts a peculiar oily and transparent appearance to the stamp and makes the vermilion color take on a peculiar reddish cast. It is worthy of note that a gummed stamp showing this peculiarity when soaked in soap and water for some time comes off clean and of the same shade as the common ungummed variety.

Fifty Cents—Even less is known of the plate arrangement of this value than of the twenty-five cent, but as to paper; some are on the same extremely heavy paper that has been described in connection with the five cent value. Most of them being on the regular paper.

One Dollar—This denomination was printed as near as I can ascertain consisting of two panes side by side, each pane consisting of five rows of five impressions.

Five Dollars—Nothing definite can be stated in regard to the plate arrangement of this stamp. It is quite scarce, more so, perhaps, than either the ten or twenty dollar values. It has been said that this stamp exists on the peculiar buff or "straw" paper known in connection with the latter two values. If so, it is doubly rare. Dr. Lee, who vouches for the ten and twenty dollar on straw, has never seen the five dollar on this paper.

Ten and Twenty Dollars—These two denominations are from plates consisting of a single pane of twenty impres-

sions arranged in four horizontal rows of five each. The ten dollar is in dark brown and the twenty dollar in violet ink, both, normally, on the regular thin wove paper. But—and here we enter on ground long contested by collectors and students of this state's issues. Hear Dr. Lee:

"I will say that the \$10 and \$20 imperforate Nevada revenues *did* appear on fresh, bright *straw* paper. They are sometimes spoken of as changelings, but they are *not*. I have seen at least twenty sheets of each denomination, some over thirty years ago. They were in use and I am certain they are now as they came from the printer."

In fairness, I must report the contentions of the other side, which is that the color of the paper was diverted from its original white color by the action of fire, having passed through some conflagration in which they were protected from actual destruction by being confined in a safe. No actual evidence of such a fire is forthcoming, but this is inferred from the appearance of quantities of stamps of other kinds known to have received this treatment during the great fire in San Francisco.

Having examined several copies of each denomination, I find the paper of a uniform color and of the same quality and tenacity apparently as the white paper; the only suspicious feature, as far as I can see, being the color of the \$20 stamp which is not violet, but gray. Dr. Lee accounts for this by the assumption that they are not of the same printing as the stamps on white paper, but earlier. Certain it is that all the proofs of Nevada I have seen are printed in gray ink, showing the use of gray ink at that time.

Hence, as a check list of imperforate Nevada revenues we have:

On thick, white wove paper.
2c reddish orange, single star, thin outer line.
5c gray green.
50c dark red lilac.

On thin, white wove paper.
2c yellow, single star, thin outer line.
2c orange (shades) star, thin outer line.
2c orange (shades) star, heavy outer line.
4c carmine rose.
5c gray green.
5c yellow green (shades).
10c blue, (light to dark).
25c vermilion.
50c dark red lilac.
50c violet brown.
\$1.00 carmine.
5.00 orange brown.
10.00 dark brown.
20.00 violet.

On thin, buff wove paper.
5.00 ?
10.00 dark brown.
20.00 gray (?).

(To be continued.)

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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With this number of the WEEKLY, a business transaction has been effected that concerns this publication as has none other during its entire career. Two years ago last February, Mr. I. A. Mekeel, who held a controlling interest in the WEEKLY, died at his home in Montclair, N. J. A short time since, the estate of Mr. Mekeel offered the Mekeel stock to the two other stockholders, Messrs. Severn and Wylie, and they have purchased the same in conjunction with Mr. William W. Jewett of the Jewett Printing Co., Portland, Me., formerly owner of the *Weekly Philatelic Era* and for the past eleven years, printer of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. The management of the WEEKLY is now an exceedingly powerful one and better equipped than ever before for its great work—the popularizing of stamp collecting. The new order of things will no doubt be dealt with a little more fully in subsequent issues.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Twice A Month—The American Philatelic Society has met the emergency that followed the suspension of the *Philadelphia Stamp News* by placing in force measures that were legalized at the convention of 1912 and were calculated to meet this crisis. Hereafter the *American Philatelist* will be issued twice a month; and so by stress of circumstances the official journal of the A. P. S. must take a progressive step; and under the direction of the secretary, Mr. Ault, we feel that a fitting success will follow.

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Society Affairs—Several requests have been heard for information about the coming convention of the American Philatelic Society at San Francisco. We can say that there will be a sprinkling of members to attend from the east according to promises that already have been made. Particulars as to the time and place of the convention and arrangements for the entertainment of delegates will be announced in due course

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of time. Speaking of conventions, it may be added here that Boston already is in the field for the 1916 gathering. As for political activity in connection with the coming election, soon there will be evidences that several branch societies have been giving thought to the selection of directors for the coming year. General Coolidge will be a candidate for a third term as president and the inference is that the office will be bestowed on an eastern man this year. Personally, we should like to have the presidency given to Cleveland for reasons that need not be reviewed here. However, we know that the honor will be fittingly awarded.

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Caps—A reader who has noticed with indignation the liberties that are being taken with the good name of the two cent, 1890 United States, right cap, writes to us in the customary high dudgeon. He laments that the Philistines would rob him of the solace that he derives from the contemplation of his right cap 2, which he paid three dollars for on the strength that it was worth five dollars even at the time of purchase, fifteen years ago. He asks if he is to doubt the evidences of his senses. There are right caps and caps that are not right. Sometimes an enthusiastic owner can almost imagine a right cap where only an apology for one exists. Our correspondent need wait no more. The right cap does exist and a record of its sale at auction for the season of 1912-13 showed the following prices that were realized: \$3.75, \$5.10 and \$8.00, and this is an average of something over five dollars for each stamp.

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The Real Thing—The story of the World's Greatest Collection that appeared in our issue of two weeks ago was a revelation to many readers and judging from the comment that it has occasioned, the recital made a profound impression. For many years first as Ferrary and later as l'Renotiere the owner of the vast horde of stamps has been the subject of much speculation in the philatelic world but little information of a personal or intimate nature that could be considered authentic has been available heretofore; and so, this wonderful stamp gourmet has been a figure cloaked in mystery and fascination. Those who were in a position to speak by the book have refrained from satisfying the curiosity of philatelists but we are pleased that the silence now has been broken by one who was capable of weaving an interesting tale about this philatelic personage, that was at once candid and truthful. In the last forty years thousands of newspaper notices have mentioned this collector in connec-

tion with his remarkable collection but "Mons. l'Renotiere" has always remained inaccessible so far as his personality was concerned. We have heard many an astounding tale about the peculiarities or characteristics of the gentleman which were in keeping with the suggestions of Mr. Mekeel's very human tale. We believe that Mr. Mekeel has done a service in penetrating the haze that surrounds the celebrated collector and he has almost visualized the collector where before only an almost mythical individual existed in the minds of philatelists.

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Good Fit—The *Christian Science Monitor* of April 24th, 1915, has an excellent editorial "On Collecting." While the thoughts reflected in the essay are intended to apply to collecting generally in its more dignified sense, yet it seems that the observations are especially fitted to philately. Here is an illustration of the highest motive that should actuate the collector: "A collector if asked to state his ideal would perhaps sum it up as the assembling together and classification of the most perfect specimen obtainable of every variety. . . . A variation of the perennial injunction, Study Your Stamps, is given in these words: "The collector must, indeed, have a thorough knowledge of his subject—all that there is to be known about it. He must have the knowledge that will detect the unworthy pretender. . . . He must have the courage which will not hesitate to pay the seemingly prohibitive price for the coveted specimen. . . . and patience enough to wait until the right moment arrives for making each addition to his collection."

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Pledge Redeemed—The subscribers to the Peace Convention at the Hague, which among others included the United States and the European countries now at war accepted the provision "that money orders drawn in favor of or remitted by prisoners of war shall be exempted from any charge for fee or commission." Consequently, under date of April 26th, 1915, the Third Assistant Postmaster General has notified the postmasters of this country: "If a resident of the United States applies for a money order payable to a prisoner of war in any of the countries concerned in the present conflict, the applicant is entitled to receive an order for the full amount deposited at the post office without the customary deduction for fees."

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Greece 1902, 5, 25, 50c & 1dr Nos. 179-182 ..	.55	.17
Austria-Lev. '08, 10pa-20p, comp. 1.45	.67	.47
Same, without 60pa No. 1050 ..	.187	.47
Turkey 1908, 10, 20pa, 1, 2pias Nos. 142-14548	.15
1908, 5, 10, 20pa, 1, 2, 5, 10pias, Nos. 132-36, 138, 139 ..	.74	.24
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NEW YORK**NEWS GLEANINGS.**—In a London daily, Fred J. Melville
writes at length upon the exhibit of the
revolutionary issues of Mexico recently
made at the Melville Exhibition of War
Stamps, held in London by C. H.
Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Melville
speaks of the display as neatly arranged
and we should judge that it was a very
comprehensive one.—Oliver Raymond calling attention to
the statement by H. S. Ashenhurst that
the new Canada War Tax stamps came
into use on April 15, states that he has a
cover with a War Tax stamp that is
marked April 14. The cover was sent
from the American Consular Service in
Trenton, Ontario, to the Collector of
Customs in Port Huron, Mich.—We have made no attempt to
chronicle the various censor marks re-
sulting from the war in Europe. Various
subscribers have favored us with speci-
mens and we have E. W. Bridge to
thank for one just at hand.—Richard F. Ettelt, 1626 Sunnyside
Ave., subscribes for the WEEKLY and
fails to send in the name of the city in
which he resides. Does any one of our
subscribers know Mr. Ettelt,—or reside
on Sunnyside Ave.?—Headed by President Kissinger, a
branch of the S. P. A. has been formed
at Reading, Pa. This branch means to
entertain the S. P. A. royally when it
meets there Aug. 5-6-7.—"I inclose copy for advt. of a variety
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these same countries up to 100 varieties
and make some one of them my leaderto take the place of the "time-worn" 1000
mixed, which you considerably put on
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he belongs to the type that will kick on
the quality of flowers his friends place
on his grave."—Quotation from letter.—S. M. Edwards, known to our read-
ers as the secretary of the Postal Card
Society of America, has changed his ad-
dress from Argusville, N. Dak., to 1932
Mt. Vernon St., Phila., Pa.—We are indebted to Edw. L. Weiss
for courtesies extended in connection
with the social held by the New York
Philatelic Exchange Society on Sat-
urday evening, April 24.—M. Ohlman calls our attention to
what he considers an unusual block
which will be sold in his next sale,
none other than a block of twelve un-
used of the 5c 1847.—J. H. Jost calls our attention to a
curiously shaped "R" in the word
Revenue on the Canada 2c war tax
stamp. The perpendicular stroke of
the "R" is very much like the curved
portion of the letter and gives it the
appearance of being reversed. Mr.
Jost found three in a sheet of 100.—Clippings are acknowledged with
thanks from Stephen S. Golding and
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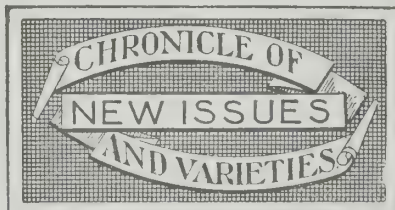
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The first annual ball of the New York Philatelic Exchange Society, Branch No. 3 of the National Philatelic Society, was held on Saturday, April 24, at Aschenbroedel Hall, New York, and was well attended. Among the guests were Clifford W. Kissinger, president of the Southern Philatelic Society, and Mrs. Kissinger. As a social gathering it was a great success, and it gave the members an opportunity to meet the wives and families of fellow-members. Although in existence only a year, the New York Philatelic Exchange Society has now nearly 100 active members. Its officers are: M. Herbert, President; Chas. Goetz, Vice President; George Holden, Secretary; M. Ohlman, Treasurer; E. L. Weiss, Auction Manager.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Scott's Circular says: It is not often that new discoveries are reported in the stamps of this country unless among very recent issues. It is, therefore, something of a surprise to find in the *Philatelic Gazette* articles by B. W. H. Poole and J. B. Leavy announcing new varieties in the issues of 1894-98. While these varieties are not as important as the types of the 1c stamps of 1851-57 they originate in the same cause, alterations in the transfer rolls, and are, therefore, entitled to recognition in the catalogue. They are to be found in the 10c and \$1 denominations and may be briefly described as follows:

Ten Cents:

Type I. The tips of the foliate ornaments do not impinge on the white curved line below "ten cents."

Type II. The tips of the ornaments break the curved line below the "e" of "ten" and the "t" of "cents."

One Dollar:

Type I. The circles enclosing "\$1" are broken where they meet the curved line below "One Dollar."

Type II. The circles are complete.

The 10c stamps printed in green in 1894-95 exist only in type I but the brown stamps of 1898-1901 exist in both types. For this denomination the two types are not found on the same plate but in the case of the one dollar stamps

only one plate was made and both varieties appear on it. This plate contained 200 subjects, arranged in two panes of 100 each. The left pane was made up entirely of Type I. In the right pane the fifty stamps at the left were type I and the fifty at the right were type II. Thus it is possible to find the two types in a pair.

As collectors know, the stamps of 1895-98 were overprinted for use in Guam, the Philippines and Porto Rico. The overprinted 10c stamps are found in both types in the Philippines, but only in type I for Guam and Porto Rico. The \$1 exists in both types. In the Philippines the two types of the latter stamp are found in about equal numbers and the conclusion is that the overprinting was all upon stamps of the right pane. Among the Guam stamps the dollar of type II is much scarcer than type I, from which it is inferred that the overprinting was largely upon the left pane.

There seems to be something interesting going on at Washington over the imprints and plate numbers of the current issue. I. C. Greene shows the 6c, Nos. 5719 and 5723, with star and imprint, No. 5430 with the same imprint having been previously noted. Mr. Greene also sends the 8c, No. 5722, with "A" and imprint, the same combination having been previously reported with No. 5718.

Harold N. Gibbs also writes that he has the current 8c imprint and "A" with Nos. 5718, 5719, 5721 and 5722; the 5c with imprint and "A", Nos. 5894, 5898, 5902 and 5906; and the current 10c with imprint and "A", Nos. 5745, 5751, 5764, and 5784—all perforated 12.

Ray E. Hartz supplements our chronicle of the new U. S. revenues on postage paper as given on page 142 by submitting for our inspection a copy of the 1/2c Documentary. Are there any other additions to be made to the list as given?

AUSTRALIA.—Hugo Griebert & Co. have also shown us the new King

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George 1/2d and 5d stamps, as previously chronicled.

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See A. O. Durland adv. Mekeel's Apr. 24. [tf*]

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GAMBIA.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles the 4d black and red on yellow paper colored through.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Morocco Agencies.—Hugo Griebert & Co. have shown us the 20c on 2d of Great Britain, recently noted.

GREECE.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 2 and 3 lepta stamps of the current issue, lithographed, instead of engraved.

INDIA.—Hugo Griebert & Co. inform us that the Indian Expeditionary Force stamps are difficult to get in India, and the 12a cannot be obtained there at all. The 6a has not yet been issued. Some of the values have to be picked up among the troops at the front.

NEW CALEDONIA.—This French Colony has wheeled into line with a Red Cross stamp, but locally printed, with only a limited number issued, according to Whitfield King & Co., who have shown us a specimen. The red cross and the "5", without "c", are very large, and printed normally in the upper part of the stamp, while "N C E" is printed diagonally below, reading down. The surcharge is in red.

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NEWFOUNDLAND.—Maury's Collection—new notes that the 5c blue of the current issue has been overprinted "Money-Order—Stamp Tax—Only" in three lines in red. These are for use as a special war tax on money orders.

REUNION.—In No. 1267 we chronicled the Reunion Red Cross stamp, with the surcharge in black. We have now seen the stamp with the surcharge in orange red, a used specimen having been shown us by Arthur Russell, and unused copies by the New England Stamp Co.

Provisional Adhesive.

10c and 5c rose and green; orange red surcharge.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—We have received from Hugo Griebert & Co. the 45c and \$2 on white back, and the 50c multiple stamps which were chronicled a year ago, but which are just getting around through the various services.

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OLD CUBANS DESTROYED.

S. Stern Johnson sends us a clipping from Havana newspaper stating that the President has issued a decree ordering that all unused stamps which remain in the post-offices of the island other than the recent new issue shall be burned. This decree also applies to post cards and inland revenue stamps. The reason given for this action is said to be that uniformity in the stamps used throughout the republic may be secured. The face value of the stock condemned represents \$1,250,000.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

Boston, April 20, 1915.

The 334th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., was held in the Society's room this evening. The matter of purchasing a stereopticon was discussed and it was voted to purchase a suitable lantern and slides to be used with same. It was voted to extend an invitation to the American Philatelic Society to meet in Boston in 1916. The Collection of Counterfeits as far as it had been mounted, was shown and Mr. A. P. Brown showed his Twentieth Century British Colonials and the secretary, his collection of France and French Cancellations.

F. W. STILES, Sec.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

MINOR VARIETIES.

Whether a collector should include minor varieties in his collection or not, is the problem that faces everyone interested in the hobby. In other words, shall the stamp enthusiast be a collector or a philatelist? At the time Mr. Webster compiled his very useful book of words, the term "philatelist" was accepted as synonymous to "stamp collector." Today, however, a stamp collector is a peculiar individual whose hobby is to pursue, capture and file away stamps in a book arranged for the purpose, while a philatelist is a more peculiar individual who studies the same stamps after he gets them; learns their origin; picks them to pieces to see if they are on wove or laid paper; fusses with their watermarks; looks at their cancellations and tells whence they came. If he is a most peculiar individual, he will run them through a micrometer caliper to test their thickness, and will discover not less than a hundred trivial varieties for each stamp. Each of these gentlemen is on the right track—he does as he wants to, and gets the most fun out of the hobby.

Some people, not very badly bitten by the Bacillus Philatelicus can get 100% fun out of the hobby by merely trying to fill all the allotted spaces in a printed album. These folk seldom continue their labors for a long period of time, and really, may do but little for the hobby they are interested in. I have in mind a certain collector who is blessed with a gorgeous array of stamps, all different. He does not know who is pictured on his stamps, has no philatelic knowledge whatever, and has never gotten beneath the skin of the top crust of the game. He is satisfied.

On the other extreme, we have collectors who have spent hours of time with microscope and watermark cup, examining countless thousands of stamps to get all the varieties of that one stamp. They are students and scientists. Their research work is not important to humanity, as though they were studying some life-taking germ, for the world will roll on just the same without a record of all the varieties of the 2c Columbian. Yet their labors are not lost. They are hailed as masters by their fellows, and are looked upon as authorities in their line. Above all they are getting happiness from their hobby. While they may seem to go to extreme limits in uncovering the details of their particular stamp, these details must be uncovered in order to get the fundamentals for the collector to work on.

After the collector has begun to look beneath his stamps, and see why they were issued, and in what form, he will if he is of scientific turn of mind, find that he just beginning to reap the benefits of stamp collecting. I do not believe that every collector should go as deeply into the hobby as certain of our leading students have. It would be beyond the power of many collectors to accomplish much of value if they should attempt any research work, for numerous reasons.

Minor varieties are to a collection what salt is to a beefsteak. They are the icing on the cake, the finishing touches. They are the means of making the collector think. They are the result of keen study, and often patience. The collector who questions this should buy himself ten thousand 2c, 1890 and produce a right cap from the lot.

Minor varieties begin where the major varieties stop, and run down the scale to infinite depths, often to differences of one ten-thousandth of an inch. Some are highly important, and should almost be called major varieties. Others are invisible to the naked eye. The collector who includes these things in his collection, soon learns to love them. His salvation lies in the fact that many

of them are obtained merely for the labor of looking for them, and are worth sometimes much, but often no more than the ordinary stamp.

Before proceeding, it might be well to mention here, that as a rule minor varieties, unless listed in the catalogue, are usually pretty hard to sell at an additional premium excepting to specialists, and in the great majority of cases it is practically impossible to place a price on them, as no basis can be had to work on, in naming a price. That is the chief reason the writer is unable to give accurate information on the "broken letter" varieties, and others, so often submitted. Unless by previous experience, I have data on prices of minor varieties on my quotation cards, I am often forced to estimate the price according to some similar variety.

Minor varieties can be classified into five groups. Varieties of color form one group; varieties of paper form another; varieties of the plate or stone form a third group; varieties of perforation form a fourth, and the cancellation differences form a fifth. Of course, in the surcharged stamps, the surcharge varieties must be further considered.

Paper varieties, which should be classified first, since the paper is the foundation of the stamp, are among the more important minor varieties generally, though less often listed in the catalogue. Paper varieties, unless distinctly different, do not sell readily. That is, mere differences of thickness are not popular with the average collector. Differences such as wove and laid, or ribbed, or pelure are more popular, since they are more apparent.

Plate varieties are rather popular, since they are more readily apparent to the eye. Certain stamps will, with study, yield a number of plate differences, and no little fun can be had in discovering these "varieties." Also, many stamps, such as the 3c 1851 and 1857, can be reconstructed to form the original sheet, according to their minor differences of design. A local collector is working within the upper elements of supreme and unconfined joy in his efforts to run down and capture the varieties of the New York stamp, in order to reconstruct the plate. He claims that "this is the life". If more collectors would direct their efforts in this line, it is probable that other stamps, especially of the popular early issues, could be plated.

Color differences, or shades, are probably the most common of the listed minor varieties, and are by far the most popular with the average collector who includes minor varieties, for the reason that the color difference can be recognized at a glance, if of enough importance to list. Many stamps offer as many as ten, and some even twenty, different tints. Shades are usually caused by different printings, as experts say that no two batches of printing ink can be made to give identically the same shade. Comparison between the first printing and the last printing of a stamp will often show marked variety of color. In mounting shades, it is advisable to group them in order from the lightest to the darkest, or vice versa.

Perforation varieties are less desirable than the other minor varieties, as many collectors and even those who specialize to moderation refuse to distinguish the different gauges. These differences are often minute, yet they tell the story of separate printings and issues and sometimes of the evolution of the stamp manufacturing in the country of issue.

Of course, practically every collector does or should distinguish the perforate from the imperforate variety, whether he specializes or collects generally. Many stamps are known imperforate through error and some exist in that shape as proofs. Single copies of imperforate stamps are not wholly desir-

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able when perforated copies of the same stamp exist, for the reason that these perforated copies are often trimmed to make imperforates. The best way to collect imperforates is in pairs or blocks. This trimming of stamps is not always done to defraud collectors, though this practice is often resorted to by the unscrupulous. In the case of the first issue U. S. perforated, many people religiously trimmed the stamps before use as they "did not like these new-fangled notions." If the stamp is imperforate, has large margins, and is on the cover with cancellation covering the cut, it may generally be assumed to be O. K. These same remarks apply to part perforated stamps. In the case of the U. S. Revenues part perforated, pairs are in demand while single copies are a drug on the market and very hard to sell. Of course, to be desirable, the pairs must be imperforate between. A pair of so-called part perforates imperforate at top and bottom and perforated between would have no value as it fails to prove the authenticity of the variety. I have seen pairs of these latter offered to the uninformed collector as the genuine part-perforate pair.

Surcharge varieties are often very interesting. Inverts are desirable, though often faked. Missing letter varieties sell fairly well. Errors are eagerly sought by collectors interested in the country in question. Broken letter, or dropped letters, or no period or surcharge out of alignment varieties are hard sellers and appeal only to the specialist making a deep study of the country. It is often very hard to place a value on these trivial varieties. Usually, where the ordinary stamp sells at half-catalogue, the minor detail of the classes last outlined should be marked at catalogue unless quite common. That is a fair standard to price by.

Cancellations are often of great interest to the specialist, though unless very unique, they fail to add materially to the value of the stamp. In early United States, green cancellations, kicking mules, skull and cross-bones, pumpkin heads, masonic, early dated, ship, railway, town and the other out-of-the-ordinary obliterations are in great demand and often bring many times catalogue price. These cancellations which can so often be obtained for the mere labor of going through a large lot of the cheaper stamps make an interesting collection and any collector wanting some real philatelic fun should get a lot of the 3c green or the 1861 3c, or even the 1c 1870-87 or 2c same issues, and go through them for the different cancellations. The stamps can be had very cheap and will often yield rich finds, if unpicked. It is possible to make up

sets of the different numbered and lettered cancellations, which prove interesting to the collector and non-collector alike. In the foreign, cancellations often determine the stamps of the parent country used abroad. To-day, collectors are eagerly searching for Belgian stamps canceled in Havre, as well as for the Military Field cancellations. As a rule, cancellations can be purchased without additional expense, and the wide-awake collector should be able to amass a nice assortment for a little labor and less money. A specialized collection including a number of cancellations will often command a high premium where single copies will not.

I believe the above covers fairly well the subject of minor varieties. New ones are constantly being discovered by the alert collectors. Some are valuable and some are not. They are hard to appraise, but are worth keeping generally. It is advisable to learn them before paying the fancy prices sometimes asked.

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By B. W. H. POOLE.

The Austro-Prussian War of 1866, which gave the kingdom of Prussia the supremacy in Germany, led to the formation of the North German Confederation, composed of Prussia (which had previously acquired Hanover and the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein by conquest) and twenty-one other German States, the only exceptions being Baden, Bavaria, and Wurtemberg. The first meeting of the North German Parliament took place at Berlin in February, 1867, and as later on in the year Prussia had completed the purchase of the postal rights of the Prince of Thurn and Taxis, the way was paved for the introduction of a general postal system for the whole Confederation, having its centre at Berlin.

This new Postal Union was inaugurated on January 1st, 1868, by an issue of stamps adapted for the Confederation. The differences in currency in the various states still presented some difficulty, as in the case of the issues for Thurn and Taxis, so that two series were again necessary, one with values in groschen and the other with its denominations expressed in kreuzer. The groschen is the same as the silbergroschen for the Northern District served by the Thurn and Taxis Administration but a new basis of equation was adopted to bring the two currencies to a closer approximation of their real values. Thus 1kr now equalled 1/3gr; 2kr=1/2gr; 3kr=1gr; 7kr=2gr, and 18kr=3gr.

Under a new law of the new German Parliament the rates of postage were readjusted and the rates within the confines of the Confederation were fixed as follows:—

1 to 10 miles—Single letters under 1 loth (1/2 oz.), 1 groschen. Double letters (over 1 loth) or parcels weighing under 3 lbs., 2 groschen.

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As letters were allowed to be included in parcels it will be seen that the rates of postage were remarkably low

for that time on letters weighing over 1/2 oz. A particularly bulky letter was simply treated as a parcel. These rates also give proof of probably the earliest instance of a governmental postal system handling a parcel post.

These low rates did not apply to foreign postage which varied according to destination. Thus the rate on single letters to England was 5gr, double letters (1 to 2 loth) 10gr; letters weighing from 2 to 3 loth, 15gr, and so on. Late in 1868 an agreement was made with the British Post Office under which the rate of postage to Great Britain was reduced to 2 1/2gr per loth.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The stamps were issued on January 1st, 1868, there being one design for the groschen values and another for the values in kreuzer. The groschen series show a large numeral in the centre in a circle with background of short vertical lines and dots. Around this is a circular band decorated with oak leaves, and surrounding this is another circular band inscribed "NORDDEUTSCHER POST-BEZIRK" (North German Postal Circuit). At the foot the value is shown in words in uncolored letters on a straight label of solid color; in the upper left and lower right spandrels are winged wheels; and in the other two spandrels are posthorns. The design of the kreuzer values shows the numerals within an upright oval, enclosed within a leaf decorated oval, and then an inscribed oval band. This band contains the same wording as the groschen series in its upper part while in the lower portion the value is stated in words. The spandrels are ornamented in a similar manner to the groschen design.

The dies and electrotypes forming the printing plates were made in the Government Printing works at Berlin, and the stamps were printed there in sheets of 150 arranged in 15 horizontal rows of ten each. The paper is ordinary white wove and as a precaution against counterfeiting the paper was, before printing, covered with a network pattern, similar to that on the stamps of Alsace-Lor-

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The stamps were rouletted in line in all kinds of gauges varying from 8 1/2 to 12 1/2. All values are known imperforate and though Gibbons' catalogue states they "were not issued for use, although some specimens were passed through the post," there seems no reasonable doubt that these are bona-fide varieties, put out by the Government though not constituting a separate issue. Mr. Westoby states "the pressure was so great to despatch the necessary supplies, in order to make the issue on January 1st, 1868, that many were sent out without being perforated, and at the time of the issue it was easy to make an entire series of unperforated specimens."

The free city of Hamburg was furnished with a special stamp for use on local or drop letters corresponding in value to the 1/2 schilling (about 3/4c) rate which had been in use there for many years previously. This is of similar design to the kreuzer series but without any numeral in the centre or, in fact, anywhere in the design. At the base of the inscribed oval the words "STADT-POSTBRIEF HAMBURG" (Town Postage Stamp for Hamburg) is shown. This label is rouletted like the others of the same period.

The only varieties in the designs of these stamps are those referred to in the following paragraph taken from the Stamp Collectors' Magazine for June, 1870:—

We owe to one of our correspondents information of a slight but noticeable variation in the design of the 1 groschen adhesive. It consists in the insertion of what appears at first sight to be a thick, solid, vertical line, and two thin side lines, in the body of the central figure of value; a closer inspection, however, shows that the middle line is formed of a diagonal shading, the lines of which run from left to right. As our correspondent observes this variety is found indifferently on perforated and pierced stamps, and on mottled and unmottled paper. The specimen he sends is singularly clear and complete; we have ourselves looked over a large number of copies, but could not find on any of them more than a few indistinct traces of the middle lines. We, however, took the opportunity to examine the other values of the series, and found the 1kr green and 3kr rose, with a similar variation in the design. Of the few specimens of the former at the moment in our possession, all showed the lines in the figures, or traces of them, but it will require further investigation to prove whether the whole issue of that value is thus characterised. Of the 3kr our stock is larger, and among these the proportion of specimens on which the lines or

shading appeared was about two out of five. This shading appears in both curves of the figure 3, but all our copies evidently show it only incompletely.

These varieties are quite distinct but are probably purely accidental and of slight philatelic interest. My own opinion is that they are simply due to faulty electrotypes in which the uncolored portion of the numerals had hardly been struck with sufficient clearness.



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2. 1/4gr green, Scott's No. 2 or 2a.
3. 1/4gr orange, Scott's No. 3.
4. 1gr rose, Scott's No. 4.
5. 2gr blue, Scott's No. 5 or 5a.
6. 5gr bistre, Scott's No. 6.
7. 1kr green, Scott's No. 7.
8. 2kr orange, Scott's No. 8.
9. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 9.
10. 7kr blue, Scott's No. 10 or 10a.
11. 18kr bistre, Scott's No. 11.



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12. 1/2sch purple brown, No. 12.
(To be continued.)

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The Russian patriotic war stamps may be changed at an early date. Although they are works of art and are beautifully printed their large size renders them inconvenient for use in quantities. It is now reported that two more denominations have been called for, a 2 kopeks stamp for use on printed matter and a 5 kopeks stamp for use on city letters. The values in the current series are 1, 3, 7, and 10 kopeks. Mr. A. Scheindling informs the London Philatelist that the 2 kopeks will represent soldiers at work with cannon, and the 5 kopeks will depict a cavalry attack by Cossacks. The size is to be smaller than that of the four stamps already issued, and it is in contemplation to replace the latter by stamps of like denominations in the smaller size. Another circumstance of interest to the collector is the possibility of future printings of the present stamps on white instead of tinted papers. Already, as mentioned in my notes of March 25, the 10 kopeks is printed on white paper instead of blue, and if, as Mr. Scheindling states, the stock of the coloured paper has become exhausted the next printings of the other values will probably be on white paper.—London Telegraph.

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THE "DENVER" REVENUES FOR MEXICO.

By S. B. HOPKINS.



This picture shows the regular postal issue. The revenue design differs in the omission of "Correos," its place being taken by "Mexico." The second issue revenues (printed in Denver) were used provisionally as postage stamps. The state of Coahuila was originally Constitutionalist territory, but they were unable to hold it long, in spite of the fact that Don Venustiano Carranza quit the governorship of Coahuila to become "first chief" of the Constitutionals; once lost to the Huertistas, it was the last of the northern tier of states to come under the full control of the Constitutionals, and when it did, they were unable to supply its offices with postage stamps, as the "Transitorio" issue was either exhausted or withdrawn (so far as the head office was concerned) and the "Denver" issue had not yet been received from the printers; hence, full and complete authority was given by the proper officials of the Constitutionalist Government to issue, sell and use the second issue revenues as postage stamps (without talon and without surcharge) throughout this unsupplied territory until such time as the regular postage stamps might be received. I do not see any difference between the postal use of these stamps and the postal use of the "Ejercito" stamps, except that the latter took place in parts of Chihuahua, Sonora and Tamaulipas in 1913, and the former in Coahuila in 1914. In both cases, the provisional use continued over a period of several months and was stopped by the appearance of a regular postal issue, and in neither case were there any other postage stamps to be had in the respective districts.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—R. E.—This subscriber asks, "What premiums do I get if I renew for a year?" None whatever! We do not think it necessary to give premiums on these renewals. If the WEEKLY is not worth 50c for fifty-two issues, then we do not know a bargain.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder, G. W. Hal-
 lenberg, I. B. Robinson, Hollis Thacher.

—Jesse T. Lillibridge calls our attention to the wide range of shades in which the present 2c U. S. perf. 10 is appearing.

—The advertisement of J. E. Hand-
 shaw elsewhere in this issue announces the purchase of the entire stock of the Empire Stamp Co. of Nassau St., N. Y. City.

—A Correspondent calls our attention to the fact that collectors will do well to use extra care in the purchase of Albania stamps. These crude labels are so very poorly executed that the distinguishing of the genuine from the counterfeit is a task for the expert.

—In the issue of April 24 some old adv. copy was used in the make-up of the Hussman Co. advertisement. The

copy was furnished some months ago to be used when no new copy arrived, but in this particular instance the offering had become obsolete.

—The talk by Frank L. Coes of Worcester before the B. P. S. at the informal meeting held May 4 was keenly enjoyed by those who were privileged to hear him. The talk was illustrated by lantern slides taken from various series which he employs to interest young people and showed a number of different ways in which a lecture could be gotten up. This was particularly interesting in view of the fact that the B. P. S. has voted to purchase a lantern with which to do missionary work under the auspices of the society. Mr. Coes talked at some length upon the coronation portrait of Queen Victoria and showed the differences in the treatment of this portrait upon the various Colonial stamps. Mr. Coes' talk was delivered in his characteristically easy manner and his presence with the society was appreciated by the large number of members in attendance.

—"The surcharge of the Monterrey issue (Scott's 392-9) on the Transitorio issue rests on the same basis as the same surcharge on the 1899 and 1910 issues and the 1908 due stamps, as the decree required the application of the surcharge to all previous issues of postage stamps. (I have even seen some "Ejercito" stamps so surcharged.) This decree was written by the P. O. Inspector in charge of the Monterrey district, which included the states of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, but was not issued by him until it had been duly approved by the "Direccion General" of the Constitutionalist Government."—S. B. HOPKINS.

—"I wish to call your attention to what I consider the rarest Constitutionalist stamp—a 1c 1910 with both "Monterrey" and the "printed" or \$ (Mexico City) surcharges, the latter of course over the former. It is evident that some postmaster in the Monterrey district, following out the instructions contained in the decree of Oct. 7, 1914, sent in a sheet of 1 centavo stamps that had already received the Monterrey surcharge. This was passed along to the printer to receive the "printed \$ surcharge" and was finally issued and used in Mexico City. I enclose my specimen of this rarity, which is on half the original cover, so that you may know that I didn't dream it."—S. B. HOPKINS.

—In a recent issue of the WEEKLY was an editorial with the title, "Broken Plate Proved," with reference to the 3c green, 1870, a stamp to which the WEEKLY has given much attention of late. Another correspondent, Ernst Karl, submits for our inspection a copy of this stamp showing the same interesting features as indicated in the variety described by E. R. Jacobs.

—Nebraska has two new monthly stamp papers. *The Stamp Trade* published by a company of which Frank S. Parmelee is president and Ora E. Stark secretary has already been mentioned in our columns. Vol. 1, No. 1 of the *Nebraska Philatelist* now appears with R. W. Ahlmann as editor and proprietor, from Norfolk, Nebr. It has eight pages, sixteen columns, and a sample copy can no doubt be obtained upon request.

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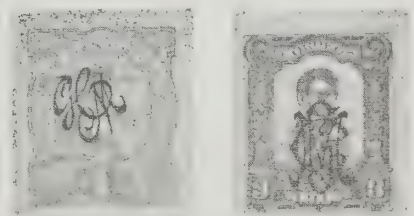
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We illustrate the two overprints herewith:—



Surcharge No. 1 is a miniature reproduction of the large surcharge illustrated in the Standard Catalog. It is said to have been used by the Carranza forces in Vera Cruz and vicinity. The second or Gothic type has been used by the Villa forces in various parts of Mexico where General Villa has been in control.

Authentic information as to the use of both these overprints will be welcome.

Later—W. J. Stanton, who is our authority for surcharge number one being used by the Carranza forces in Vera Cruz, states that he has seen this overprint on the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 50c and 1p, 1910 Mexico.

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We earnestly desire the aid of all our readers in sending this issue to every stamp collector of their acquaintance. There is no better way of gaining a new subscriber to the WEEKLY than the showing of a specimen copy to one who is interested in stamp collecting.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

We Take Him In—We have much satisfaction in announcing that Mr. William W. Jewett of Portland, Maine, has joined our corporation, the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Company. The accession of Mr. Jewett was made possible through the purchase of the holdings of stock in the company by the Estate of I. A. Mekeel, consisting of 251 shares, by Messrs. Wylie, Jewett and Severn, respectively. Mr. Severn now owns about half of the total stock, Mr. Wylie, three-tenths and Mr. Jewett, one-fifth. Mr. Jewett needs no introduction to our readers, as years ago, he won his spurs in the field of philatelic publishing; and his product, the *Philatelic Era*, had a creditable career extending over many years, first as a monthly and later, as a weekly. Ever since the WEEKLY has been published in Boston, it has been printed in the establishment controlled by Mr. Jewett and to him, we feel that we are indebted for the mechanical sightliness of the paper and for the faithful performance of many of the details in connection with the issue of each weekly number. We welcome Mr. Jewett into our family, the members of which, at least, all like stamps,—and the smell of printers' ink.

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and soon, the discerning reader will notice improvements in our paper. It is futile to make promises, as deeds must replace words to make an impression on the skeptical minds of the philatelic reader. Suffice it to say that we are aware that in some respects there is room for improvement in our publication; and we shall not ignore our opportunities. Based on decades of experience, we have a fairly logical sense of procedure in a progressive way and we can guess with some accuracy what will be most acceptable to our great body of readers. As we have said before, there will be no definite change of policy in the conduct of our paper, which, more than ever before, will cater intelligently to the foremost citizens of the philatelic world, the plain collector.

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New Type—From Mr. W. C. Michaels, Kansas City, Mo., we have received what seems to be the latest variety from harassed Mexico. Mr. Michaels has a cover from Mexico City, postmarked April 22, bearing the 5 centavos, current, with surcharge, printed from plate in black, G. C. M., in miniature, the tallest letter, C, of the monogram, being 10 millimetres high. The overprint is neater than that in use previously.

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Ye Grateful Ed.—We thank Mr. E. R. Jacobs, Chicago, for the gift of an interesting cover. It is the face of a mourning envelope sent by Rowland Hill to "Fredk. Hill, Esq., Ashton Lodge, Nr. Bristol," with the autograph of "R. Hill" in the lower left corner. The postmark in red, surmounted with a crown is: Paid—10 0c 10—1851, and cross. The frank of Sir Rowland Hill carried the letter in lieu of the stamp. In 1851, Rowland Hill was reaping substantial returns on his inventive genius as in 1846, the public had presented him "with a testimonial valued at \$67,000.00." In 1854, Rowland Hill was made Chief Secretary of the English Post Office; and in 1864, the year in which he retired because of poor health, Parliament voted Sir Rowland Hill, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; the Albert gold medal of the Society of Arts and the degree of D.C.L. were conferred on him and in other ways the services of Rowland Hill were fittingly recognized. Knighthood was bestowed on "the author of the postage stamp" in 1860 or nineteen years before his death in 1879, at the age of 84.

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Good Man—Mr. George A. Chandler, Madison, Wisconsin, who is connected with the University of Wisconsin, has resigned his position as editor-in-chief of the *Philatelic West* and it is his intention to forsake philately and other collecting forms. Mr. Chandler has worked intelligently for the conservation of philately and his efforts have been of helpful kind. We regret to have to record the passing of Mr. Chandler who will be remembered by our readers for his authoritative treatment of postmark subjects in our columns at different times; and we hope that the lure of philately will be exerted so strongly that he will soon capitulate again.

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There Are Others—Our boon companion of twenty years or more ago, Mr. Joseph S. Davis, Los Angeles, California, indites the following well chosen words: "In a recent issue of the WEEKLY, the subject of the ten scarcer stamps cataloguing one dollar or under was put to the readers. This same subject was one of the features of a recent meeting of the South California Branch, No. 35, American Philatelic Society, in our fair city; and I take pleasure in

stating that 'yours truly' carried off the prize offered by Mr. B. W. H. Poole for the member exhibiting the scarcest ten. Of all the stamps in this class, the meeting decided that the following were entitled each to a score or point: Argentine Republic, No. 24, 30c orange, cat. \$1.00; Dutch Indies, No. 20, 5c green, cat. 12 cents; Bosnia, No. 3, 1n gray lilac, cat. 25 cents; Costa Rica, No. 5, 4r green, used, cat. 30 cents; Guatemala, No. 63, 18c gray, cat. one dollar used; Italy, No. 51, 2l used, cat. one dollar; Netherlands, No. 20, 1c black, used, cat. 60 cents; Roumania, No. 601 to 606, each one dollar, used; and Sweden, No. 21, 6 ore gray, 50 cents used." Mr. Davis' list is a representative one, as it embraces stamps that are of strongest character. There are many scarcities that are of obscurity than those that have been named among the comparatively recent issues and lists of them as well as of other "hard to get" stamps are interesting as well as instructive.

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Two Dollar Proprietary—As Mr. J. A. Bangs says, the two dollar revenue stamp, "Wines and Cordials," pays the tax on goods in casks at two cents a quart for wines and six cents a quart for cordials. As we understand the law, the vendor who sells the goods in bulk to the druggist say, does not pay the tax, as it is the consumer that is charged; and the druggist is not the consumer. However, as he sells the liquor or wine to his customers, he places a stamp on the container. It is unlikely that any purchaser in this way would buy twenty-five gallons at once and thereby require the use of the two dollar stamp. However, it is believed that bottled goods shipped in sealed cases before the tax became operative would not have to be dislodged so that stamps could be affixed to the bottles; and consequently, these case goods would be taxable as a unit and demand the use of the two dollar stamp. However, the supply of "goods on hand," the payment of the tax on which in bulk is certified to by a statement to the government, naturally would not be a lasting one; and so, the further use of the high denomination in question would seem to be involved in some uncertainty. Up to the time of our last inquiry at the Chicago office, the two dollar stamp was not in stock. Of course, we shall get to the bottom of this mild mystery as it appears to us at present, and probably we shall wonder why we were so dense as not to have understood all the possibilities of use. Those who have the used two dollar in quantity, might tell us what their specimens paid the tax on.

CO-OPERATION WITH A BIG "C."

When a subscriber sends in three new yearly subscriptions, it makes glad the heart of the managing editor. This is what Ora E. Stark has done during the past week, sending us two new subscribers from Omaha and one from Lawrence, Kansas. Such coöperation is heartily appreciated.

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**THE DOCUMENTARY REVENUE STAMPS
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By FRANK L. APPLEGATE.

THE ROULETTE STAMPS.

These have always been catalogued as a part of the issue of 1865, and while this is not to be wondered at owing to the impossibility of securing definite and authoritative data on the subject, it is my belief that the actual date should be placed two or three years later. Personally, I have not seen any dated (cancelled) before 1868. There are two roulettes, issued and used, I think at the same time. The less common being described as 16 to 18 points to the two millimeter unit, the more common at ten. In some stamps these are also found compounded. Valentine & Francis, A. L. Bancroft & Co. and Button and Company have been variously credited with the production of the Nevada revenues, but in the absence of official data on the subject and the lack of any mark on the sheets themselves it may never be definitely known who did the work. It is reasonable to presume, however, or at least possible that the work was done by different firms. The plates presumably were turned in to the authorities along with the first issue of stamps of \$350,000. When certain of the values most used finally ran out, new plates had to be made whether by the same company or not as the plate arrangement of the roulette stamps is entirely different from that of the issue already described, although the dies are the same; that is all except some of the two cent ones. The paper is also somewhat different, being heavier and more porous on an average than in the imperforate stamps. The inks are also different. The stamps are all gummed. The normal plate arrangement which is adhered to in nearly all of them is one consisting of two panes of fifty (five rows of ten) arranged foot to foot as it were. There is a white strip of about eleven millimeters, between the two panes and a margin varying from 13 to 20 millimeters clear around the sheet which has no imprint or marks of any kind with the exception of a small cross mark in the centre of the space between the two panes and a couple of guide points of color.

The two cent roulette stamp comes from both the original die, and a new one described as "double star" (see cut). Some single copies of the double star stamp have indeed been found imperforate with pretty fair margins but it is thought they are trimmed copies or at best imperforate errors of an otherwise rouletted stamp. I have seen none dated earlier than 1869. Another variety of the two cent is the one in yellow. This is a good bright yellow, or rather orange yellow very much like the 10 cent yellow U. S. postage of 1908.

Prominent collectors and students of these stamps maintain that this is a chanceling due to soaking, while others including Mr. Kenyon and Dr. Lee claim otherwise. I have, myself, soaked copies of the 2 cent orange in water for

ten days with no result. Again quoting Dr. Lee: "Your 2 cent yellow is not a chanceling; nor is it chemically diverted from the normal. I have a block of the rouletted 10, a part of a former block of 20 or more. The paper is bright, crisp and unstained. The gum is perfect and the general appearance is that of mint condition."

All I have seen are cancelled during 1869 and 1870.

Another variety diverging from the normal in this issue that I wish to call particular attention to is the fifty cent dark purple on thick paper. The color is almost purple black, and quite distinctive from the common violet brown, and the paper is nearly as thick as is that of the five and fifty cent stamps imperforate. It comes in both roulettes.

The one dollar stamp is the only one of this issue that diverges from the normal in the plate arrangement. There are two plates quite different in every way. The first one has the same number of subjects as has the one dollar plate of the imperforate series, i. e.: two panes side by side, twenty-five to the pane. In the imperforate \$1 stamps there is in common with the others of the set a faint outer line running clear around the design and forming a complete and independent rectangle. In the plate in question from which some of the roulette stamps were printed there is a line of color between each row of stamps, both vertically and horizontally intersecting at the corners and dividing the sheet into rectangles, but not independent ones. The other plate is normal in its arrangement (two panes of fifty) but lacks the colored lines, leaving no line between designs at all. Neither plate shows the outer rectangle known on the imperf stamps. Furthermore the stamps from this latter plate are of a different color which has generally been catalogued as "crimson". It has none of the rose quality of the former varieties and tends more toward orange red.

Some of the imperforate stamps, particularly some of the two cent and five dollar denomination, but possibly all values come on watermarked paper. The watermark consists of a large shield about three and one-fourth inches high, and two and a half inches wide, the upper third of which is barred horizontally and the other portion vertically. Large stars surround the upper portion while a word part of which can be deciphered as *Carew* appears below the shield in large outline Roman letters. This is a sheet watermark and undoubtedly of no official significance.

Here is a check list of varieties of the rouletted stamps:

Fine Roulette, 16-18. White Wove Paper.

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2c yellow orange, double star.
2c orange (shades), double star.
5c green, (light to dark).
25c vermilion.

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50c violet brown, (dull puce).

Coarse Roulette—10.

2c yellow, double star.
2c yellow orange, double star.
2c red orange, double star.
5c green, (light to dark).
10c dark blue.
25c scarlet.
25c vermilion.
50c dark purple, (thick paper).
50c violet brown, (shades).
\$1.00 carmine, with dividing line.
1.00 red (crimson), no outer line.
5.00 orange brown.

Compound Roulette.

5c dark green, fine roulette vertically.
25c scarlet, fine roulette horizontally.

A 2c CHECK STAMP.

There is one more variety of Nevada revenue to which I wish to call particular attention. Dr. Lee says:

"The Bank of California (San Francisco) in 1870, 1871 or 1872 had the Federal stamp on their checks overprinted with a 2 cent Nevada stamp. Whether other banks did the same I am unable to answer." I have examined a copy of a check thus overprinted. The die is identical with the single star 2 cent Nevada adhesive and is printed over the Federal 2 cent check stamp, design with the eagle at bay, described in Sterling's catalogue as New York die B—Variety 3 (No. 23). The Federal stamp is yellow orange and the Nevada stamp red brown. The check is printed in carmine on white paper, is headed Virginia, Nevada, and has signature of Jas. G. Fair. Strict consistency would demand the inclusion of this item under the first classification of state revenues, i. e.: non-adhesive stamped paper.

Non-Adhesive Check Stamp.
2c red brown, double star.

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REMAINDERS.

There is no reason to suppose that any reprints were ever made, but when we come to Reminders that is another matter. In the report of one of the early Controllers, referring to the return of the unused reminders to his office when the law was repealed, is this significant sentence. "Many of the stamps are unaccounted for through carelessness of the officials"; hence, in course of time some of these found their way into unauthorized hands. This is the original source of what sheets Dr. Lee has, they having come to him as a gift many years ago and long before he became interested in stamps as such.

Following up a lead contained in a letter from the Hon. Sam Davis, who was State Controller from 1898 to 1906. I had a certain party then in Nevada with whom I had previously had an acquaintance and whom I know to be reliable call on Mr. Davis and inquire into the matter of reminders still on hand. Here is an extract from his report made February 6, 1905:

"There are still on hand *hundreds of thousands* of stamps of 2, 5, 10, 25, 50 cent and \$1 and \$5 denominations mostly in sheets, but all of the \$10 and \$20 stamps have been stolen some time since by unknown persons and there are none of these left. Mr. Davis has had many letters asking to purchase the stamps, but he has always refused to sell them claiming that he had no authority to do so." Since then I have paid no attention to the matter, but now find that the reminders *have all disappeared*. Here is the great mystery. What did become of them? From the fact that Mr. Davis had had many letters asking to purchase them, it would seem that their existence was known to a good many interested parties, yet they have never come on the market in quantities sufficient to reveal any large holdings. Dr. Lee feels certain that the reminders as well as the plates were finally destroyed. No act authorizing their sale nor memorandum of such sale can be found.

There is a wide divergence in the prices of Nevada revenues as quoted in various catalogues and will be, it seems to me, until the matter of the fate of the reminders is definitely known.

I had some samples of the reminders in Mr. Davis' custody in 1905 and am quite certain that none of the imperforate 4 cent, 5 cent dull green, 50c on thick paper and \$5.00 stamps were included in the reminders at that time, hence the comparative rarity of these varieties.

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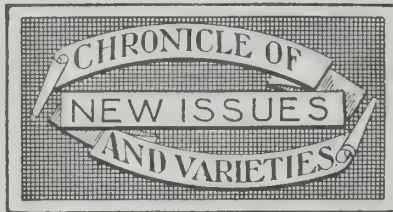
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AUSTRALIA.—Arthur Russell has shown us specimens of the 1d Kangaroo, with large and small "OS" official perforations.

Ewen's Weekly has the following interesting correspondence from Australia:

"Two more denominations have appeared with King's head. This practically proves my conviction (oft expressed since the 4d came out King—even in the teeth of official incredulity) that the whole of our Kangaroos are about to change into Kings. Not that it required a great deal of perspicacity to expect a logical sequel. For, you see, the Kings are not only a different perf, but a different size paper. Therefore, the confusion and inconvenience to the Department resultant on the two kinds being issued at one and the same time, on the face of it, could only be due to a phase of transition. Of course, the penny is a stamp apart—sheets being used to singles of other denominations, and therefore might have remained *sin generis*, but immediately, a higher value like the 4d appeared King, the shadow of "coming [Philatelic] events" was plainly discernible.

"I have discovered a curious current variety. You have doubtless noticed that the watermark of King stamps is rather different to that of the Kangaroo. The crown varies, but the outstanding feature is that, whereas the "A" of the latter is squat, that of King's is tall and narrow, thus "A." Marginal words, (Commonwealth of Australia), are same except for being more squat in the King paper; which is also rather thicker, with surface inclined to be chalky. Well, a few of the latest sheets, 2d Kangaroo, are on King paper, though the printing must have been very small, as one seldom sees more than one sheet thus together. One result of this mis-use of King paper is that very few stamps of the sheet have the watermark well centred."

AUSTRIA.—According to Ewen's Weekly, four new Charity Stamps are being prepared. The denominations are 3h, 5h, 10h and 25h, with two hellers added, like the 5h and 10h stamps already noted, but depicting quite different subjects.

BOSNIA.—Ewen's Weekly is informed that the 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 20, 25, and 60h stamps of the issue of 1912, have been issued as Austrian Field Post stamps by being overprinted in black, in two lines, slanting upward, "K. u. K. Feldpost." The other stamps of the 1906 set are to be issued as War Aid stamps by being surcharged like the 5h and 10h values of the same issue already noted.

CANADA.—W. R. Pringle informs us that a circular has been issued by the Canadian Postal authorities, stating that, "it had been decided to accept the War Tax Stamps, bearing 'War Tax' in white letters as prepayment of postage." These stamps are therefore postage stamps in the full sense of the word. This is proved by letters coming through

with no other stamps on them.

Arthur Russell reports having seen a cover with both the 1c and 2c War Tax stamps postally used. Mr. Pringle's letter has three of the 1c stamps and we have seen other covers with all kinds of odd combinations.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Ewen's Weekly reports the £1 stamp in dull blue green, instead of the bright green of the earlier printings.

Morocco Agencies.—The 1½d King George stamps has been overprinted, "Morocco Agencies," and new value like the 20c on 2d recently chronicled.

Adhesive.

15c on 1½d brown.

HUNGARY.—The postage due stamps are now appearing with red instead of black figures of value, the 10f and 20f values being reported by Ewen's Weekly, on paper watermarked multiple crosses.

Postage Due Adhesives.

10f green and red.
20f green and red.

NIGERIA.—According to the Colonial Journal, a new supply of stamps is being prepared in the same design and colors as the first issue. The 3d, 4d, 1sh, 5sh and 10sh are all to be printed on paper colored through, whereas, in the first issues, all these values were on surface tinted paper.

RUSSIA.—According to a correspondent in the London Philatelist, serious changes are imminent in Russian Red Cross stamps:

"With reference to my last note re the Charity stamps, I beg to inform you that as there appears to be a great demand for 2k stamps for wrappers and for 5k stamps for city letters, the Women's Patriotic Committee has asked her Imperial Majesty, the Empress Alexandra Feodorovna, for permission to issue the above-named values; meanwhile, the first engraver at the State printing office, M. Sarring, is at work; the 2k shows soldiers at work with cannons, and the 5k, a cavalry attack of Cossacks. The size will be much smaller—about the size of the Commemorative stamps of the 1913 issue; and, as the size of the Charity stamps, 1, 3, 7, and 10k, has been found to be a very unsuitable one, it is also contemplated to replace these stamps by a new issue of a much smaller size. It is also possible that these, as well as the new 2 and 5k stamps, will be printed on white paper, as the stock of coloured paper has now become exhausted."

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Kelantan.—The Colonial Journal reports that the border of the \$1 stamp has been changed to brown, owing to the similarity of the \$1 green to the 1c green.

Adhesive.

\$1 brown and green.

Federated Malay States.—The current 4c and 10c stamps now have their centres printed in very shiny black ink.

Trengganu.—The Colonial Journal reports the colors changed of several of the current stamps, the lower values being now bi-colored.

Adhesives.

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Allow 32 letters to the line. [tf]

THE ELUSIVE "SPECIMEN".

By HARRY E. HUBER.

A recent contributor to the WEEKLY writes that "Specimen" stamps are not available for postage, but are samples for distribution to the countries comprising the Universal Postal Union. Through favor, however, some copies get on the market, but these are very few. 722 copies of each denomination (in distinctive type or color) are sent to the Bureau at Berne, from whence distribution is made.

These stamps are scarce, even though there is little demand for them. A year or so ago I decided to include "Specimen" stamps of the Cayman Islands in my collection of that Colony, and found early in the game that I was not going to have smooth sailing.

From a New York dealer I got the 6d George, while a couple 1/2d and 1d values, with the 1/4d of 1908, came from a friend. There I rested while I circularized the dealers over here. They were sorry, but had none. In fact, hadn't seen any.

In London I got the 6d Edward, P & R, and on the continent I got quite a few, but by no means was I able to complete the country. The prices were not low—the 5s, 1907, cost me about three times face value.

In London recently quite a lot of "Specimen" stamps were sold at auction. I understand the collector who got the Cayman Islands section (not complete, by any means) paid approximately \$20.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

The 334th (regular) meeting of the Society will be held at the club room on Tuesday evening, May 18, at 8.15 P. M.

The entertainment will take the form of a competition, in which the members are requested to submit, suitably mounted, with no visible sign of ownership, a group of what they consider to be the 12 handsomest postage stamps. The sheets will be numbered and each of those present will be given a slip upon which to vote his preference.

The usual informal dinner will be held at 6 P. M., the "Genoa," on Province St., having been selected as a meeting place.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

The New Birth of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News"

☐ The entire Mekeel interest in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY has passed into the hands of Charles E. Severn, Willard O. Wylie, and William W. Jewett. Mr. Jewett is well and favorably known to the stamp trade as owner and printer of the old *Philatelic Era* and is the motive power in the Jewett Printing Co., Portland, Me., which has printed the WEEKLY ever since it moved to Boston.

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MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS,

BOSTON, MASS.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

THE FABLE OF THE GINK WHO NEARLY WRECKED HIS HAPPY HOME.

Once upon a time, The Perfect Man lived in The Ideal Bungalow with the Only Girl. Life was a Happy Dream, with nothing to interrupt except the Gas Bill and The Only Girl's Mother. Both of these Evils only occurred once a Month, so everything ran along smoothly. The Only Girl was the grandest Little Cook. The P. M. nearly killed all his Friends inviting them to the Angel's Roost to inspect the labors of the O. G., who was the G. L. C. Seldom, if ever, did the Friends ever come back for more. Life consisted of an elegant Meal in the Morning with Lots of Kisses; nine long Hours at the Office; another Meal with more Kisses; washing the Dishes; more Kisses; then the Porch-Swing and Perfect Bliss.

Everything went along this way for Six Months. The Perfect Man was kept as busy as a One-armed Paper Hanger with the Hives trying to chase in enough Rubles to keep the Only Girl supplied with Flummydoodles and new Hats. The Poor Goof hadn't learned that Married Men don't give their Wives Candy and Flowers. The Only Girl could make a Twenty-case Note look like a Jinney quicker than a Carpenter quitting for Lunch. Every time the Tailor needed a New Tire for the Flivver, he would gently advise the Only Girl that the New Fall Models were in, and the Price of the Tire would come right home. Poor Warren had to cut down Expenses. He smoked only Quarter Cigars now. He couldn't afford Whole Ones. Every time he took Milk on his Baked Apple instead of Cream, he saved a Nickel. When he got a Dollar saved, Friend Wife would have a New Way to Spend it. Still they were happy.

One Day, Mother blew in and caught the O. G. dusting the Piano. "Why do your own Work and cheat some poor Belgian out of a Job? I didn't raise my Girl to be a housemaid," exclaimed the Demon Mother-in-law, as she sowed the Seed of Rebellion. That Night, the Perfect Man got his right in the Bank Roll. He started a Pay Roll. That worked so fine, the Disturber of the Peace started something else. "Let your Husband do his own Housekeeping for a While and train him. Come Home and visit me." That night, Warren coughed up the fare to B'Gosh corners and took his Sentence of Solitary Life.

The First Night, Warren didn't grab the 5.15, but stayed in town to be Naughty. He lost 80c playing Kelly-pool. The next night, he decided to go home and water the Flowers. The City looked Nix to him. After feeding the Canary and putting down the Canned Salmon, he started in for an evening of Simple Life. An Idea struck him and burst. He got out the Old Stamp Album and went to it, for the First Time since he met Helen. This was the Life. At 2.35 G. M. he exterminated the Light and Dreamed Happily of a New Set of Colonials with Helen's Picture on them.

The Next Day, he couldn't get to a Dealer's quick enough, and shot the balance of his small Wad for a Catalogue and some New Issues. A Week later, when Helen came back, she found a Changed Husband. The poor Boob kissed her with a Mouthful of Hinges and pulled a Specialized Collection of 2c Reds on her. That evening, instead of the Porch Swing Sketch, He soaked Continentals and She knit Nighties for the Navy.

After a month of this Life, Helen began to wonder if this WAS the Perfect Man. The Dealers made the Bank Roll as Skinny as a Vegetarian's Cat. When Helen asked for a Time to tip the Milkman, Warren growled ferociously and asked her how she thought he could spend that Amount and still buy those New Sonoras. Their Married Life

wasn't broken, but it was certainly Badly Bent. Helen hated a stamp so much she used to telegraph instead of writing.

Warren, too, began to notice that Someone had spilled Mustard on the Home, Sweet Home. He wondered if Helen's Salads had always tasted of Polarine. The Ache that he had blamed as Palpitation of the Heart caused by Cupid was now doped out to be Indigestion caused by Friend Wife's biscuits. Helen discovered that Warren was a Crab and Warren believed he had picked the Proverbial Lemon.

Just when the Divorce Lawyers were rubbing their Hands and sharpening the Axe to chop up the Happy Home, and Real Estate Man was figuring the Commission for renting the Ideal Bungalow, Nature stepped in and issued a Commemorative.

Helen insisted that It was Good-looking, like the Papa, and Warren said it got its beauty from the Mama. The neighbors all agreed that it looked like a Seebeck and was Badly Off Center, not to mention a few Trifling Thin Spots.

Between doing the Fox Trot with the Most Wonderful Child in the Little Hours and humping all day to keep up with the Milkman, Warren had little Time for the Stamp Stuff. From the Racket the Spawn made when he was cutting his Perforations, the Neighbors doped out that Some Day he would be the Big Noise in a Boiler Factory.

One Day, Warren made a Whale of a Discovery. The Pocket Edition was a Life Picture of the Baby on the 1/2c Newfoundland. Even Helen was overcome by the Discovery. Surely, it meant he would be a Big Man.

The Big Event happened when the Larva was Six Months Old. He saw the Old Man working on a page of Mexicans, and said "Da-da," signifying that he was a Born Collector. That was too much for Helen. If the Perfect Husband and Wonderful Baby saw something in Philately, there was something in it. Helen got busy, and hunted for Stitch Watermarks every evening when Warren went through the Shifted Dies. Pretty soon, she was as Wild as any other Collector, and they started out to show what Team Work would do in Philately.

And, contrary to the Expectations of the Well-wishing Friends and Relatives, they lived Happily ever after.

Moral: Sometimes, it is best to Educate 'em up to it.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

As I shall be absent from the city for the next three or four months, and shall have no permanent address, it will be impossible for me to answer any correspondence, either through the columns of the paper or by private reply, therefore, I will thank you all to keep your inquiries until my return. I shall have a new supply of information to give you next fall. My articles will, however, continue as heretofore. All outstanding matters will receive attention before my departure.

BILL BLOSS.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. D. F., Jr.—Dutch Indies stamps surcharged "Buiten-Besit" are classified Dutch Indies and are merely a separate issue of those islands. The Java surcharge may be placed under Java or under Dutch Indies as you prefer.

The purple stamp inscribed "Marca da Bollo" at top and "Cent mi Cinque" at bottom is an Italian revenue and has little value.

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B. W.—As far as we know, single sheets of the 1c and 2c imperforates can be bought at the St. Louis post office. Many offices of this size carry imperforates.

Coils are issued in strips, and come in 500 and 1,000 stamps to the spool. "Paste-up pairs" are the pairs showing the joining of one strip to another. Coils are not issued in sheets, but in continuous strips, hence the impossibility of getting them in blocks.

Most collectors hinge blocks with only a single hinge, generally applied to the top center of the block. If the block shows a tendency to curl, it is sometimes wise to use a second hinge near the bottom.

The WEEKLY cannot act as reference for any collector. Whether your correspondent gave a S. P. A. number is not important, though it will be advisable to ascertain whether or not he is a member of that society. The fact that he refers to the WEEKLY places him in a doubtful position. It is usually impossible to get information from dealers. Most of them haven't the "service idea" and will not get it until the "live ones" chase them out of business.

C. W. H.—There are numerous errors in the Venezuelan issues you mention, but why Scott should fail to list this one, I do not know. There are a great many varieties of this kind that are uncatalogued for no particular reason. These stamps are poor sellers, and I have no quotation on the imperforate vertically variety. A specialist might be coaxed to pay you a fair premium for it.

E. L. C.—I am no precancel expert, either, but am glad to see your 2c and 4c Honolulu. If "A. J. R." will send me his address and a 2c stamp for postage, I will gladly forward them to him with your letter.

Z. S.—Your list will be used in a future article. Turkey 2pa olive yellow is listed by Scott as a Newspaper stamp, No. 368.

A. L.—Your violet-colored stamp inscribed "Marca da Bollo" and "Centmi Cinque" is an Italian revenue stamp, of little value.

A. D. C., Jr.—The 3c Cuba map stamp seems to be scarce, and I should say it was worth at present about 80c a hundred, at the lowest. The 5c is worth about 40c, the 8c is worth \$1.00, and the 10c about 40c. These prices may seem too low to you, but a great many of these stamps are coming through. The 3c seems best of all.

M. O.—Your stamps inscribed "Magyar Kir Tavidra" are Hungarian, but just what their use is, if not fiscal, I do not know. There are some private and local stamps, as well as private revenues, of these European States and they are quite a study in themselves.

I have never heard of a double transfer on the surcharged 1 sol Peru, but possibly, this may have been discovered. It ought to be worth something to a specialist. Is it a double impression? Why not refer this to George W. Linn, of Columbus, Ohio, who is, I believe, a specialist on this country.

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By B. W. H. POOLE.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

In 1869 it was decided to issue the stamps with machine perforation instead of with the more or less unsatisfactory rouletting. The machine used had a gauge of 14 by 14½. The stamps began to appear in February but as it was decided to use up the old stock first some of the denominations with perforation did not appear until 1870. The 5gr, for instance, was not in use until February, 1870, while the 18kr came into use at a still later date.

The special stamp for Hamburg was also issued with perforation.

Reference List.

1869-70. Typographed, Perf. 14 by 14½.

13. ¼gr lilac, Scott's No. 13 or 13a.
14. ¼gr green, Scott's No. 14.
15. ½gr orange, Scott's No. 15.
16. 1gr rose, Scott's No. 16.
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10gr. The sides of the frame are filled with ornamentation and the ground-work is a repetition of the words "DREISSIG GROSCHEN." Both values were printed on white wove paper and were perforated 14½ by 14.



Reference List.

1869. Perf. 14½ by 14.
25. 10gr grey, Scott's No. 25.
26. 30gr blue, Scott's No. 26.

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29. 1/2 gr black on pale red brown, Scott's No. 29.
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35. 7 kr black on grey, Scott's No. 35.

REMAINDERS.

None of the stamps of the North German Confederation were ever reprinted but when they were superseded by the issue for the German Empire in December, 1871, there was a large stock of remainders of most values. These were sold by the German government later but whether in small quantities or in one lot I have been unable to trace.

ALSACE AND LORRAINE.

The stamps generally known as the issues for Alsace and Lorraine were really a sub-issue of the North German Confederation. These stamps were used in those parts of France occupied by the German Army in the war of 1870-71, and afterwards provisionally in the annexed provinces of Alsace and Lorraine until they were superseded by the general issues for the German Empire. It should be distinctly understood that these stamps were not issued for the use of the German troops for all soldiers' letters, parcels, etc. were forwarded free of charge, but they were intended to be used by the civilian population of the districts temporarily under German control. Much has been written on the subject of these interesting stamps the best article in the English language being, perhaps, that by Mr. G. B. Duerst, which appeared in the *Philatelic Record* in 1896. I am indebted to Mr. Duerst for much of the following information. In the early portion of his article this writer says:—

We all know that these stamps were issued in consequence of the Franco-German war, and this in itself should make them interesting to all collectors, considering that they owe their origin to a decidedly historical period, a time of trouble and anxiety, not only to the two nations principally concerned, but also to all the other nations of Europe in a minor degree. How many stamps exist that have such a weighty reason for their existence? Their stern simplicity of design seems to bear witness to the time of issue; no name, no ornamentation, neither head nor coat-of-arms, everything points to the fact that they were issued at a

grave period, when nobody could foresee the ultimate end.

It is interesting to know that the German government already in August, 1870, had practically decided upon what land had to be ceded by France, as all the obliterating dies of places within this radius having French names were issued bearing their old German names. Thus we find:

Mulhouse changed to Mülhausen.
Strassbourg changed to Strassburg.
Nancy changed to Nanzig.
Thionville changed to Diedenhofen.
Riquevihar changed to Reichenweier.
Ferrete changed to Pfirt.
Wasselonne changed to Wasselheim, etc.

Of course, we also find the old French obliterating dies, but rarer. For all places outside this radius the French obliterating dies were used as they were found, but, in uniformity with the German custom, only the dies having name and date inscribed. The French dot dies have also been used, but very rarely; as a matter of fact, it was against all orders to do so. Naturally, when the French die was worn out or got damaged a new one had to be made, and then we find German-shaped dies with French names, notably Rouen.

Wherever the German troops went they established post-offices, but whether these stamps were ever used in Paris is very doubtful. Reinheimer, in his work, mentions a specimen with the Paris obliteration, but, unfortunately, the die does not give any year. Krötsch gives one also, but the date there is August 16th, 1871; a date which is about six months after the time these stamps could be used in France, besides there is on the envelope a French stamp (head of Liberty) 20c blue, which paid the postage.

As far as official records can be found, no German post-office was established in Paris during the limited stay of the German troops, and of course, if no German post-office existed, no letters with Alsace-Lorraine stamps would be forwarded.

This "Occupation" postal service came into use in the beginning of September, 1870. It had its own administration, with headquarters first at Nancy, later removed to Rheims; also General Post Offices at Metz (from the 6th October) for German Lorraine, and at Strassburg (from the 1st of October) for Alsace. It had its own laws, taxes, etc., and came to an end on the 24th of March, 1871, when all offices outside the ceded provinces of Alsace and Lorraine were handed over to French officials in accordance with the convention signed on the 22nd of March. A few places were still in German hands, but

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In the course of the correspondence, but mentioned in a casual way to explain a delay or something, Tucker stated that he was lame, moving about in a tricycle, and as he could not get out much when there was snow on the ground, he had a good deal of time on his hands which he would like to devote to stamps, but found it hard to get in touch with other collectors. He is 21 years of age, has been collecting stamps for 10 years or more, and offers as reference Mr. Joseph A. Crane, Ex-Postmaster of Rochester.

I asked him if he did not think he could work up a little stamp business if I should give him some suitable stamps for approval trade to start and he seemed very grateful, but said he had found it very difficult to get in touch with buyers. I sent him the names of several collectors who had applied to me for approval selections, and am wondering if you would not be willing to mention him to your readers with the idea that they might suggest to juniors or beginners to write him for approval selections. By that, I mean that he will have few stamps that catalogue over 10c each, but, so far as I can help him with advice, he will have only good worthwhile stamps in extra good condition.

I have given you the facts, and if you feel like devoting a little space to some extracts from this letter, you will be doing a good act and it will be appreciated by

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EDITORIAL.

Director General of Posts—The director general of posts of Mexico, Carranza faction, accompanied by one of his consuls, was in Chicago recently where he was the guest of Mr. A. Roterberg. It was arranged that we should meet Senor Cosme Hinojosa, the director; and at our interview we learned much interesting information concerning the Constitutionalist issues; and light was thrown on some of the obscurities of their history. Senor Hinojosa does not understand English and we were dependent upon Dr. Alfredo Caturegli, Mexican Consul of the Constitutionalist Government, Chicago, for elucidation.

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A Surmise—The objects of the visit of the postmaster general of Mexico to America evidently were somewhat diverse in character. The functionary had with him a large stock of practically all of the issues of the Constitutionals, except the first; and it was assumed that it was his intention to sell the stamps in this country as he disposed of the entire lot for cash while in Chicago. Senor Hinojosa is arranging for the new issue that is in preparation by the Carranza authorities; and it is probably his plan to visit different dealers as he had their addresses in his itinerary. We cannot say just what philatelic knowledge Senor Hinojosa possesses, but we suspect that it is not extensive or precise. Indeed, the tendency to naivete was noticeable when market prices of different issues were under discussion.

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For Illustration—A better understanding of the stamp situation was gained and the postal decrees in the possession of Senor Hinojosa were of historical value. Further, it seems that "gentlemen's agreements" obtain between the factionists and that the Villa forces respect the postal issues of Carranza and vice versa. A cover was shown that bore both the so-called Villa and the Carranza surcharges side by side. An envelope addressed to Senor Hinojosa from a point in Yucatan had the double surcharge, the printed "Gobierno Constitucionalista Mexicana." The monogram surcharge, G. C. M., printed, was used as early as February 11th and the small printed G. C. M., February 15th. Senor Hinojosa said that the Torreón surcharges were really not authorized and that they were created without the consent of the postal powers but that the tone of legitimacy was conferred on these stamps by the acceptance of them for postal duty.

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Stumped—The cover on our special issue of next week is reconstructed from parts of the designs of nearly a score of stamps that are familiar to collectors but it is likely that one would have to spend some time in assigning these parts to the stamps from which they are taken. At a recent meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Mr. R. McP. Cabeen gave a chalk talk by drawing a salient and distinctive feature of the design on a large sheet of paper; and it was surprising how difficult the proper placing proved to be. For instance, the fret work in each corner of the queen's head Hong Kong was not identified by a single contestant; and "Dienst" as first used (on the North German Postal District officials) was not located by anyone.

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A Wily One—The offer by a dealer of an amazingly high price for a ninety cent of the 1869 issue used on the envelope has excited some comment and a number of letters have been received asking why the stamp in the condition indicated should be esteemed so highly. In the first place we do not know of the existence of this stamp on the original cover, notwithstanding that collectors of stamps on the envelopes were aware years ago that the ninety cent 1869 was a commodity to obtain which inspired their best efforts. While the rates of domestic postage were three cents a half-ounce in 1869, the charges for postage to foreign countries were still excessive. For instance, there was a formidable list of countries to which the

postage by French mail was thirty cents for each quarter-ounce. It is safe to say that most of the ninety cent were used for foreign postage; and in this connection, we remember having bought as late as 1886, the complete set of 1869 for \$2.50, in Paris. It is probable that the foreign letters were not kept; at least the envelopes did not get into the files. The domestic use of the ninety cent was on packages to a great extent whose wrappings would not be saved, even if there was some collector about who had his eye on the stamp. The stamp was the thing in those days. Then again, the stamp was in use for a comparatively short time, a consideration that enters into the catalogue price of the stamp off the cover.

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The Reason—Some time ago, readers were told that the \$50 documentary of the current set was recalled for reasons that were not made public; and as a consequence, the sixty dollar documentary was issued. We now have received the explanation from a dependable Washington source that a number of the \$50 denomination stamps were stolen after they had left the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the somewhat heroic means were taken to render the missing stamps worthless. Further, it has been intimated that this \$50 documentary stamp should be exceptionally good philatelic property.

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Mexican Melange—Mr. W. C. Michaels of Kansas City, Missouri, has shown us a batch of mail received from Mexico in the regular course of business; and some of the covers have their suggestions that are not lost on the collector. We mentioned the new variety of "G. C. M." printed surcharge small design in last week's issue. One cover from Sanata Lucrecia, Vera Cruz, dated April 15th, bears stamps with the rubber stamp surcharge that was at one time used by the Carranza authorities when their operations were limited to Sonora. This cover passed Vera Cruz and is postmarked on the back, April 16th. Another cover left Chihuahua on April 15th. While Santa Lucrecia and the City of Vera Cruz are in the possession of Carranza, Chihuahua has been occupied by Villa; and the stamps have the "Gobierno," etc., printed surcharge and are of a much deeper shade of orange than usual. Another cover from Vera Cruz, that originated in Mexico City, was sent by carrier from Mexico City to Vera Cruz and then by steamer to New York City. The envelope bears ten cents in U. S. stamps which are postmarked at New York City; and two Mexico, 5c, with the large printed "G. C. M.," printed monogram surcharge, which are uncanceled.

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By WILLIAM E. MARSH.

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On account of the prevailing custom
abroad of printing views on regular
government cards, instead of on blank
stock as is done here, and the fact that
American tourists provide a market for
these enormous quantities of souvenir
cards, a fair comparison with U. S. sta-
tistics can hardly be made. However,
it is interesting to note that in 1911, our
banner postcard year, we bought \$75-
138,748 or an average of ten apiece all
around.

The first postcard was sold in the
United States on May 1, 1873, under an
act passed by Congress June 8, 1872.
Why it took the department nearly a
year to plan for such a simple device
as our first postcard is hard to answer.
Evidently our officials were then not
speeded up to the point of efficiency
that saw the postal banks and the par-
cels post put into smooth running order
almost over night. The seven months
of that year developed a market for
only 31,095,000 of the little bits of card,
or about one to every other person.
The full year following, nearly every
one bought two, as it took 91,079,000 to
supply the demand.

At the end of the tenth year, the sale
quadrupled, nearly 380,000 going through
the stamp window. The growth then
became steady, nearly every year show-
ing an increase, averaging five millions,
till 1894, when a decided slump came,
and of the 530,505,600 supplied the post-
masters in 1893, so many were left over
that 62,000,000 less were called for in
1894.

The first view cards most of us re-
member were the ones prepared for sale
at the Chicago World's Fair. Although
these, a set of twelve, which were con-

ANOTHER HUNDRED FINE SETS

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Set No.			
101	Nicaragua, 1882, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20c, 5 var.	10	Various issues, 12 var.
102	1890, 1, 2, 5, 20, 50c, 10p, 6 var.	10	Various issues, 40 var.
103	1891, 1, 5c, 1, 2p, 4 var.	10	Various issues, 100 var.
104	1892, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 5, 10p, 8 var.	12	Ecuador 1881, 1, 2, 10, 20, 50c, 5 var.
105	1893, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 1, 5p, 9 var.	12	1881-87, 1, 1, 2, 2, 10, 20, 50c, 7 var.
106	1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 2p, 7 var.	12	1892, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c, 1s, 7 var.
107	1895, 1, 2, 5, 20, 50c, 1, 2, 5, 10p, 9 var.	12	1894, 1, 2, 5, 20c, 5s, 5 var.
108	1896, 1, 2, 5, 50c, 2p, 5 var.	12	1895, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, 1s, 6 var.
109	1897, 1, 2, 5, 10c, 1, 5p, 6 var.	12	1896, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c, 5 var.
110	1898, 1, 2, 4, 10, 15, 20, 50c, 2, 5p, 9 var.	12	1897, 1, 2, 10, 20, 50c, 1s, 6 var.
111	1899, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 50c, 1, 2, 5p, 9 var.	12	1899, 1, 2, 10, 20, 50c, 1s, 6 var.
112	Official, 1890, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 1, 2, 5, 10p, 8 var.	12	1892, Official, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 6 var.
113	1891, 1, 2c, 2 var.	12	1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, 1s, 6 var.
114	1892, 1, 2, 10, 50c, 1, 2, 5, 10p, 8 var.	12	1895, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, 1s, 6 var.
115	1890, 1, 2, 5, 50c, 5p, 5 var.	12	1896, 1, 2, 5, 20, 50c, 1s, 5, 7 var.
116	1895, 1, 2, 10, 50c, 1, 2, 5, 10p, 8 var.	12	Honduras 1878, 1c, 2c, 1/2, 3 var.
117	1896, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c, 1p, 6 var.	12	1893, 1, 2, 5, 10, 40, 75c, 1p, 7 var.
118	1897, 1, 2, 5, 10, 50c, 1, 5p, 7 var.	12	1895, 1, 2, 10, 20, 30, 50c, 1p, 7 var.
119	1898, 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 20, 50c, 1, 5p, 9 var.	12	1907, 2, 5, 6, 10c, 4 var.
120	1899, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 50c, 2, 5p, 9 var.	12	1891, Official, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c, 1p, 7 var.
121	Unpaid 1896, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c, 7 var.	12	Austria 1900, 1-6h, 5 var.
122	Miscellaneous ass'd, 1896-99, 12 var.	12	1905, 1-6h, 5 var.
123	Miscellaneous ass'd, 1896-99, 40 var.	12	Unpaid, 1908, 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 14h, 6 var.
124	Miscellaneous ass'd, 1896-99, 100 var.	12	Levant Jub., 10, 20, 30, 60p, 4 var.
125	Salvador, 1890, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c, 8 var.	12	Australia, Unpaid, 1909, 1/2, 1, 2d, 3 var.
126	1891, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 25c, 1p, 8 var.	12	Bulgaria 1913, Jub., 1-25s, 7 var.
127	1892, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 50c, 9 var.	12	Hungary 1913, 1, 2, 3f, 3 var.
128	1893, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 25c, 1p, 8 var.	12	Charity, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10f, 6 var.
129	1894, 1, 2, 3c, 3 var.	12	Charity, 1-60f, 14 var.
130	1895, 1st set, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 50c, 8 var.	12	Russia, China, 1, 2, 3, 4k, 4 var.
131	1895, 2nd set, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 20, 30, 50c, 1p, 9 var.	12	Levant, 1913, 5, 10, 15k, 3 var.
132	1896, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 50c, 1p, 11 var.	12	Levant, 1913, 5p to 2 1/2p, 8 var.
133	1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 12, 15, 20, 30, 50, 100c, 10 var.	12	Roumania, Salistria, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15b 5 var.
134	1898, 1, 2, 3, 10, 13, 20, 24, 26, 50c, 9 var.	12	Venezuela, 1899, 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1b and Reg., 6 var.
135	1890, 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 13, 20, 24, 26, 50, 100c, 9 var.	12	1900, 5c to 2b and Reg., 6 var.
136	Official, 1896, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15c, 1p, 6 var.	12	1900, Escuelas 5c-20b, 8 var.
137	1897, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 100c, 8 var.	12	1903, 5, 10, 25c, 3 var.
138	1897, 2d set, 3, 5, 12, 15, 20, 24, 50, 100c, 7 var.	12	1903, Guyane 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1bol (cat. 30c) 5 var.
139	1898, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 13, 20, 26, 50c, 1p, 10 var.	12	1903, Guyane 5, 10, 25, 50, 50c 1b (including 50c red error) 6 var.
140	1899, 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 13, 50c, 7 var.	12	1903, Maturin 5, 10c, (cat. 20), 2 var.
141	1911, 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 13, 50c, 1 col. 8 var.	12	Persia 1894, 1c to 50k used, 11 var.
142	Unpaid, 1895, olive 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, 15c, 25c, 7 var.	12	1898, 1c to 50k used, 16 var.
143	1896, red 1, 2, 3, 5, 15, 25c, 5 var.	12	1900, 1c to 50k used, 16 var.
144	1897, blue 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c, 5 var.	12	1902, 1c to 50k used, 16 var.
145	Various, 10 var.	12	Teheran, 1c-50k used, 11 var.

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tained in a vending machine in which
they were piled consecutively, and ar-
ranged so that two dropped for each
nickel inserted, and 30c would draw
the series—although these were printed
on the regular postal cards, about the
same time picture post cards generally
came into use and the "common people"
began to prefer them for personal cor-
respondence. Since that time an ever
growing percent. of the government
cards have been used for advertising
and business notices. It was six years
later before the 1894 figures were
reached again; then there was a steady
climb till 1901, when a new big mark
of 659,614,800 was reached. The next
year saw a loss of over a hundred mil-
lions, then again a gain of 220 millions,
a loss of 70,—then a gain every year
till 1910 saw the sale of 926,478,900.
Next year there was a slump of 200
million; then came the high water mark
of nearly a billion in 1911 which stands
as the record.

The grand total of cards issued, from
the beginning to 1912 inclusive is
19,441,425,583. I presume these figures
derived from government reports con-
sider the reply cards as two each.

The postcards have always been
printed from electrotypes, on cylinder
presses. The stock has always been a
shade of manila except the international
card, sold for two cents, which for a
time, at least, was on a bluish tint and
the regular card of four or five years
ago which for a time was on the blue
tint. The cards for many years were
done up in packets of 25 with a band
around them, but have been changed to
fifty. They are also available now, on
special order, in full sheets, being de-
sirable this way where they are to be
printed for advertising purposes in
large quantities.

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how dirty, or in what condition, so long
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ternational card were embellished with
the head of Liberty; and Martha Wash-
ington divides with George the portrait
space on our present double cards.
The second design used had the portrait
in the middle top, a unique position.
Some of the cards have had full frames
around the face, but most have not.
For a time they were printed with the
face divided so that part could be used
for the message as is frequently the
practice abroad. In fact nearly every
assistant P. M. G. has had a different
idea of how to design a postal card. In
one thing there has been no change,—
for the standard card the price has
always been a penny.

A list of contractors, with the length
of contract, terms and prices per thou-
sand, is given below:

Morgan Envelope Co., Springfield,
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The American Phototype Co., New
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Woolworth & Graham, New York, N.
Y., July 1, 1881 to June 30, 1885—\$0.5443.
C. C. Woolworth, New York, N. Y.,
July 1, 1885 to Nov. 30, 1889—\$0.4771.

Albert Daggett, Birmingham, Conn.,
Dec. 1, 1889 to Dec. 31, 1893—"A",
\$0.37; "B", \$0.35; "C", \$0.50; "D",
\$0.9550; "E", \$0.9550.

C. C. Woolworth, Castleton, N. Y.,
Jan. 1, 1894 to Dec. 31, 1897—"G",
\$0.3287; "D", \$0.6574.

Albert Daggett, Piedmont, W. Va., Jan.
1, 1898 to Dec. 31, 1901—"H", \$0.2395;
"K", \$0.20; "D", \$0.47; "E", \$0.2395.

Albert Daggett, Rumford Falls, Me.,
Jan. 1, 1902 to Dec. 31, 1905—"MCK",
\$0.2175; "H", \$0.2175; "D", \$0.42.

The Oxford Paper Co., Rumford
Falls, Me., Jan. 1, 1906 to Dec. 31, 1909—
"MCK", \$0.21; "D", \$0.4225; "E", \$0.21.

Public Printer, Government Printing
Of., Washington, D. C., Jan. 1, 1910 to
Dec. 31, 1913—No. 4, \$0.355; No. 5,
\$0.355; No. 6, \$0.70; No. 7, \$0.405.

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35h 1912, No. 7505
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MORE FRENCH RED CROSS STAMPS.

The French island colony of Reunion

has issued two varieties of Red Cross stamps, and a third in a definitive type

is reported to be in preparation in Paris.

At first, the current 10 centimes stamp

was surcharged in black, with the cross

and extra value, "x5c," in heavy type.

But this did not prove satisfactory, and

was not in conformity with the general

plan of surcharging the French home and

colonial issues in red for the Red Cross.

So the black surcharged stamps were

withdrawn, and a new printing made,

with the surcharge in red. Each of

these local provisional stamps of Reunion

may prove rather scarce, as although

50,000 were printed in black, only about

2,000 had been distributed to the public

before instructions came to hand for their

withdrawal. The second lot, overprinted

in red, will probably be quickly superseded

by the Paris-printed edition.

Another Red Cross stamp has been

issued for Tangier, where apparently

the use of the ordinary French Morocco

Protectorate Red Cross stamp is not

appropriate. In Tangier, the French

Red Cross stamp of the definitive "Se-

meuse" type has been issued, with an

overprint reading "Maroc."

The French Red Cross stamp is now

available in the convenient booklet

form; the booklets contain twenty of

the stamps, and sell at 3f. The letter-

press on the cover states that these

stamps are only available for postal use

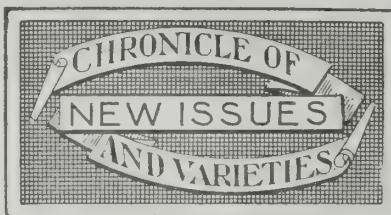
in France, Algeria, Tunis, and the

French Colonies, and that although the

stamps sell at 15c each, they represent

a postal franking value of only 10c each.

—London Telegraph.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Examination of a lot of the 10c green of 1890 shows that all are of Type II, as quoted in No. 1271. This raises an interesting question as to whether the type where the foliated ornaments break into the curved line should not be called Type I, as the 1890 stamps must have been printed from the original die.

BARBADOS.—New post cards have been issued with head of King George, according to *Ewen's Weekly*.

Post Cards.

1/4d green on white.

1d red on buff.

BELGIUM.—A correspondent writes to *Ewen's Weekly* as follows:

"It is a well known fact that both French and Belgian Red Cross stamps are only for internal postage and are not available for foreign postage. The Belgian Red Cross stamps would frank letters in Belgium. It is not the fault of that Government that their territory is so much restricted, that these stamps are hardly of any use. Notwithstanding that, the demand for Red Cross stamps is so great at St. Adresse, of course, by philatelists, that the Belgian Government have had to issue fresh orders for more stamps. The issue with large head was not liked on account of their size, and the execution was poor. A fresh issue was made of another design, but this has not met with approval, and the supply has been returned in order that it may be retouched. The Belgian stamps of the regular issue will not be sold to the public until the Government returns to Belgium."

BULGARIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles two new high value postage due stamps for Bulgaria, the design closely resembling the ordinary Russian postage due stamps of 1909.

Postage Due Adhesives.

10 leva violet.

20 leva carmine.

CANADA.—Among the freaks of the new "War Tax" business must be included one just shown us by E. T. Wallis. This is a cover bearing a strip of three 1c stamps, one of which has been surcharged "War Tax" with pen and ink, in black. Evidently, some postmaster was trying to "do his whole duty."

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—*Ewen's Weekly* says that there were printed 42 panes of 60 stamps, or 2,520 stamps in all, of the 10sh on white back paper. As a number were appropriated for fiscal use, this is the rarest of the higher denominations printed on the provisional paper.

FIJI ISLANDS.—According to the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung*, the 3d is now printed on orange yellow paper instead of lemon yellow.

HAYTI.—Two values of a new series of stamps have been sent us by Whitfield King & Co., the design being like the 1906 issue, except that the words "Exterieur" and "Interieur" have been worked in around the central circle, under the name of the country. The 7c "Exterieur" has a portrait of T. Auguste and the 5c "Interieur", the familiar arms. Both read "Emission 1914."

Adhesives.

For Foreign Postage.

7c red orange and black.

For Domestic Use.

5c yellow green and black.

HUNGARY.—The second series of war entires has just been issued for this

country, according to Mr. Schachne. The face value of each card has been advanced 2 fillers and the cards have been surcharged in red "1914-1915" "War tax 2 fillers."

Post Cards.

5f green and red on buff.

10f red and green on buff.

5x5f green and red on buff.

Letter Card.

10f red and green on gray.

INDIA.—Mr. Schachne has received the current cards surcharged "I. E. F." in black.

Post Cards.

1/4a gray and black on buff.

1a red and black on buff.

1/4x1/4a gray and black on buff.

Soruth.—Whitfield King have shown us a new stamp, the 3p, from this state. The design is the same as Scott's Type A4, with the values in English and native characters different. *Scott's Circular* also chronicles the 1a in the same changed design.

Adhesives.

3p yellow green.

1a rose carmine.

INDO-CHINA.—*Scott's Circular* illustrates the two types of the Red Cross stamps issued for this Colony. The first had the cross in the upper left corner, with the extra value in the lower right, the "C" under the "5." On the other type, both cross and added value were in the lower right corner. In the first type, the cross was larger and thinner than in the other.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Michael P. Hynes writes: "Since the war commenced, a stamp tax has been imposed in Newfoundland, and checks, etc., must carry a 2c stamp. The Postal Department has had the 5c Guy overprinted for use on post office money orders." The specimen shown us by Mr. Hynes has "Money Order—Stamp Tax—only" in three lines in red. This stamp has been used for some time.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—Further provisionals of the Portuguese Colonies have been surcharged "Republica" like those noted in No. 1269. The following are reported by Whitfield King & Co.: Lourenzo Marques—Scott's Nos. 54, 55, 56 and 59.

Mozambique—Nos. 98, 85, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81 and 50r "Provisorio."

ROUMANIA.—Two provisional stamps are shortly to be issued by Roumania, according to the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung*. The denominations are 1b on 1 1/2b and 5b on 3b. The issue will be limited.

ST. VINCENT.—J. A. Galbraith has kindly submitted a specimen of the provisional "One Penny" on 1 shilling stamp. The surcharge is in two lines of block letter type with line below, printed in red ink.

A BIT OF THE PERSONAL.

By H. S. DICKEY.

I enjoyed your precancel notes very much in the May 1st issue.

I might add that Newton, Kansas, has the 1 and 2c Precancels and they are used continually by the A. O. U. W. in mailing out its reports to 40,000 members.

I enjoyed a visit recently from A. S. Razor, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., who is a specialist in U. S. issues and I found him to be quite a genial fellow.

I am expecting to entertain J. K. Doughty of Lamar, Colorado, in a few days. He is a type of the old school collector, and is like myself, quite a specialist in U. S. issues and collects them in singles, pairs, strips and blocks used. To say our collections are large doesn't half tell it. He makes it a point to stop off to see me every time he comes this way and we sure do some tall talking and stamp displaying.

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—The stamp collectors of Sacramento, Cal., are to organize a local society, and we are obliged to J. A. Garrison for a clipping from a local paper. Further particulars will be soon available.

—There is a rumor that no more of the 5c Cuba Avellaneda will be printed. A. D. Comas, Jr., advises us that the 5c map type has no doubt taken its place. It certainly has at the Havana post office, where the supply of Avellaneda has been exhausted.

—A well established dealer wishes us to call attention to the injustice of compelling dealers to bear the expense of bank discounting as found in cashing small checks submitted by collectors in payment for stamp purchases. The same firm suggests that postage be required on all orders by united action on the part of dealers. While we are in full sympathy with the former proposition, it would be difficult to work the latter.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Al. de la Torre Bueno.

—M. R. P.—The color of the set you refer to is red.

—We recently asked for the location of Sunnyside Ave., in our endeavor to place a subscriber who had failed to name the city. It was a very foolish request for us to make. We might have known it was Chicago. Anyway, we thank E. H. Robinson for the information at hand. We are also indebted to W. R. Harrison for the same information.

—The Milwaukee Public Museum has on exhibition at the present time a considerable collection of covers and stamps from the war zone in Europe. Practically all the warring nations are represented and there are covers from each, showing the various censor marks, soldiers' letters, charity stamps, prisoners' letters, letters returned because of invasion, etc., as well as covers from the other powers when the effect of the war is shown in some way (Holland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, etc.). Red Cross and Charity stamps from each country are also included. The collection mentioned is the property of Leon D. Peaslee, a member of the A. P. S.

—The omission of the word "not" from an editorial in the issue of two weeks ago made it appear that General Coolidge would be a candidate for a third term as president of the American Philatelic Society, although the context contradicted the statement. General Coolidge will not run for the presidency again.

—The death of the wife of Mr. Geo. L. Toppan, some weeks ago, after an illness extending over a long period of time, will evoke sympathetic thought for Mr. Toppan by many of our readers. Mr. Toppan's plans for the future are indefinite at present but announcement of his course of action will soon be made.

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By W. J. HOLMES.

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- 5 centimes, yellow-green on grey paper.
- 10 centimes, bistre on yellowish-white paper.
- 20 centimes, blue on bluish paper.
- 40 centimes, orange on yellowish-white paper.
- 80 centimes, rose on yellowish-white paper.

Slight shades of each, but chiefly of the 10 and 40c. Gum generally white, but occasionally of a dark brown which stains the paper.

The design consists of a crowned Eagle on a brick-wall patterned disk, within a broad beaded inscribed circle with scrolled outer angles. The inscription reads (COLONIES DE L'EMPIRE FRANCAIS POSTES). The stamp is square, measuring 19 mm. across. They were engraved by M. Barre and printed by M. Hulot at the printing establishment of the Mint. 360 stamps to the sheet. Imperforate, but may be found pin-perf unofficially.

The expense of engraving and preparation of plates was charged to the Colonies, proportionately to the extent of their postal service, and the stamps were sold to them at a uniform rate of 1 franc per thousand. A circular of 28th April, 1860, regulated the apportionment, the style of obliteration, etc.

The 10c and 40c were issued in July, 1859, and on 28th March, 1862, it was decided to issue stamps of 1c and 5c for use on journals and printed matter, and they duly appeared in May of that year. In October, 1865, the 20c and 80c were issued, ostensibly to facilitate prepayment, but more to bring the colonies into line with the mother country.

In preparing the die for the 5c an accident appears to have happened to the figure following the word POSTES, and a plug has been inserted, as will be seen by the white curves on either side. In the 10c two stamps in each sheet were placed sideways with top to the left, and specimens may be found *se tenant* with the stamp in the orthodox position, and the 20c is occasionally met with doubly printed.

All the values were reprinted in 1887 in sheets of 16 stamps—4x4—on slightly different tinted paper. It is stated that they were ungummed, but those I shew have gum.

The first obliterations were a rhomboid of dots, occasionally approximating to a diamond shape; the dots vary in size and number, viz., 49—7x7, 64—8x8, 81—9x9, and 100—10x10. They chiefly occur in black, but also in blue and red. About 1862 or 3, the initial letters, or an abbreviation of the name of the issuing Colony, were inserted in the centre of the device, and this in general provides the only clue to the country of origin.

The abbreviations employed were:—

- ASA.—Assinie (Guinea).
- CCH.—Cochin China.
- GAB.—Gaboon.
- GNE.—Guiana.
- GOR.—Goree (Senegal).
- GPE.—Gadalupe.
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SNG.—Senegal.
SPM.—St. Pierre and Miquelon.

The above were in black and blue only.

In June, 1857, the French Minister made an order that the stamps on letters coming from beyond the seas, by the vessels of the Imperial Messageries, should be obliterated with a hand stamp similar to that used by the post offices, but with an anchor in the centre in place of a number, and this postmark may also be frequently found on this issue. The right position of this postmark is with the flukes pointing to the right. Another variety consists of the letters P. D., enclosed in a circle or an oblong; this should have been impressed on the letter, but it is frequently found on the stamp itself.

After 1872, the circular date stamp was chiefly employed, and may be found in black, blue, and occasionally in a reddish-brown colour.

Forgeries of all the values are known, they are very crudely lithographed and are not likely to deceive any one.

The above stamps continued in use after the fall of the Empire, but were suppressed by a law of August 24th, 1871, although the stamps of lesser value were used in various places as late as 1879.—Stamp Lover.

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Mexico	1914, Nos. 372-379	1.66	.72
Mexico	1915 sur. "Gob. Const." in blk	.48	.18
Mexico	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20c*	.48	.18
Mexico	1915, 50c and 1p* same as above, 2 good stamps	1.28	.50
Mexico	1915, 2, 3, 5c* Monogram in blk.	.07	.03
Mexico	1915, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c* G. C. M. (Vera Cruz in blk. printed)	.37	.15
Mexico	1915, Villa 1, 2, 3, 20, 50c*	.42	.18
Montenegro	1907, set complete	2.13	.78
	1910, set complete	3.09	1.25
Java	Dutch Indies 175c	.12	.06
Java	Dutch Indies 1g	.25	.12
Surinam	1873, 10c bistre	.25	.07
Surinam	1893, 12 1/2, 15, 20, 30c	.48	.22
Surinam	1902, 25, 50c	.50	.22
Surinam	1902, Due 5c, No. 140*	2.50	.48
Nicaragua	1912, 1, 2, 5p	5.20	1.25
Nicaragua	1904, 2c red No. 332*	1.50	.55
Nicaragua	1904, 15 on 10c No. 342*	3.00	1.10
Nicaragua	1904, 20 on 5p No. 344	3.50	.95
Nicaragua	1904, 20c brn. No. 345	5.00	1.10
Nicaragua	1904, 20c brn. No. 346	1.25	.48
Nicaragua	1904, 1p yellow No. 347	6.00	2.75
Nicaragua	1904, 2p red No. 348*	7.00	2.90
Nicaragua	1906, 50c on 6c No. 369*	1.00	.35
Nicaragua	1912, 5p grn. No. 455*	5.00	1.75
Nicaragua	1905, 20c brn. No. 511	1.25	.45
Nicaragua	1905, 2c vermilion No. 502*	2.00	.68
Paraguay	1910, 7c blue	.20	.08
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Portugal	1905, St. Anthony 2 1/2r	.10	.04
Portugal	1908, Vasco de Gama 50r	.10	.04
Portugal	1910, "Republica" 200r	1.00	.48
Portugal	1910, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100r	.88	.42
Port. India	1912, 10c No. 302	.75	.35
Cape Verde	1905, 50c on 6r	.15	.06
Cape Verde	1905, 50c on 6r	.15	.06
Cape Verde	1912, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c	.36	.14
Cape Verde	1912, 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, 5c	.30	.13
Ponta Delgada	1898, 65r slate	.25	.11
Timor	1894, 5 on 30a on 300a, No. 277, scarce stamp	.75	.32
Russ'n Lev.	1904, 1r, No. 8* perf	5.00	1.85
Salvador	1896, 15c on 24c violet fine copies	3.50	1.10
Servia	1903, 1p, No. 68	.50	.19
Servia	1903, 50c, No. 77	1.00	.45
Elobey, Annobon	1908, No. 55	.50	.19
Fernando Po	1899, 6, 8, 10, 15c*	1.40	.65
	1900, 50c on 20c*	5.00	1.65
Span. Guinea	1900, 1, 4, 10 pesetas*	6.50	3.15
Venezuela	1900, 10b red No. 150	1.10	.55
Venezuela	1900, 20b violet, No. 151	1.50	.75
Venezuela	1903, 50c red, No. 184*	.50	.25
Venezuela	1903, 50c red, No. 191*	.45	.20
Venezuela	1903, 10c or. No. 181*	3.25	.85
Venezuela	1903, 10c or. No. 188*	3.50	.90
Cuba	1914, 10c blue Special Del'y (aeroplano)	.07	.03
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Somali Coast	1902, 4c blue & red*	.12	.05
Somali Coast	1903, 1c, 2c*	.25	.08
Somali Coast	1909, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c	.07	.03
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Fr. Guinea	1912 Prov. Nos. 49-54 compl. mint set of 6, except No. 48	1.10	.48
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Anjouan	1912, Nos. 20-30 comp.	.78	.36
Dahomey	1912, Nos. 32-41, except No. 40, mint set	.76	.36
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Diego Suarez	1904, 1fr grn.	.40	.17
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Madagascar	1912, Nos. 99-104*	.62	.30
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Senegal	1912, 6 var. Prov.*	1.04	.45
Senegal	1906, 25c	.08	.03
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Tunis	1906, 40c pictorial	.12	.05

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Canada	1897, Jub. 5c violet	Cat.	Net
Canada	1897, 6c Maple Leaf	.50	.19
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New Bruns'k	1890, 10c verm.	.50	.22
Newf'd	1897, 6c dull rose*	2.50	.11
Newf'd	1876, 3c blue	1.00	.42
Newf'd	1880, 1c violet brn*	.25	.11
Newf'd	1880, 2c grn. (codfish)	.35	.13
Newf'd	1880, 5c light blue (seal)	.40	.17
Newf'd	1887, 3c brown	.18	.06
Newf'd	1887, 5c dark blue (seal)	.20	.09
Newf'd	1896, 1/2c orange red*	.40	.13
Newf'd	1896, 3c blue*	1.50	.48
Newf'd	1897, (Cabot) 4c grn.	.15	.07
Newf'd	1897, (Cabot) 5c purple	.10	.04
Newf'd	1897, (Cabot) 6c brown	.12	.05
Newf'd	1897, (Cabot) 10c bl. brn.	.15	.07
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Dominica	1886, 1/2c on 6p* fine	1.00	.40
Jamaica	1908, 2 1/2p ultra	.10	.04
Jamaica	1905, 3p green	.20	.06
Jamaica	1906, 2 1/2p blue	.15	.06
Jamaica	1906, 3p violet	.15	.07
Jamaica	1912, 3p violet	.10	.04
New Hebrides	1910, 2p gray*	.50	.22
New Hebrides	No. 22	.18	.07
N.S. Wales	1903, 2sh 6d green	.85	.38
N.S. Wales	1903, 2sh 6d green	.40	.17
New Zealand	1909, 1sh vermilion	.20	.07
New Zealand	1913, Life Ins. 3p. 1p	.35	.15
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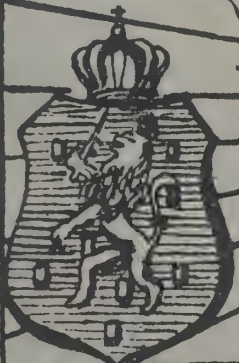
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	Cat.	Our		Cat.	Our
	Price	Price		Price	Price
1851—3c red, unused	\$1.50	\$.40	1869—6c blue, unused	\$4.00	\$1.00
1861—1c blue, unused .....	.75	.20	1871—1c ultra, unused	3.50	.80
1862—2c black, unused	1.00	.25	1871—2c brown, unused	1.50	.40
1862—5c brown, unused	4.00	1.00	1871—3c green, unused	2.00	.45
1862—15c black, unused	10.00	2.50	1871—6c carmine, unused	3.50	1.00
1867—2c black 9x13, unused	2.00	.50	1871—10c brown, unused o. g.	8.00	2.50
1869—2c brown, unused	1.00	.25	1873—1c ultra, unused	1.00	.25
1869—3c blue, unused .....	.75	.20	1873—3c green, unused	1.00	.25
			1875—2c vermilion, unused	2.00	.50

FOREIGN, UNUSED

	Cat.	Our
	Price	Price
Baden 1851, 9kr lilac rose.....	\$1.50	\$.50
Bahamas 1862, 1p lake, o.g.	3.00	1.00
Bermuda 1865, 1sh green, o.g.	2.00	.90
Bremen 1861, 2gr yellow.....	10.00	4.50
Cape Good Hope 1863, 1p brn. red	7.50	3.00
1882, ½ on 3p claret, o.g.	2.00	.90
1891, 4p blue, o.g. ....	.75	.25
Chile 1899, 30c rose-carm., o.g. ..	1.00	.30
China 1878, 1c green	1.75	.75
Cuba 1899, 2½ on 2c carm., o.g.	1.00	.25
Dominica 1879, ½p bistre, o.g.	1.50	.50
Egypt 1866, 5pa slate-green	1.25	.50
1866, 5pia rose	7.50	3.50
1884, 5pia gray, o.g. ....	.60	.25
1889, 10pia purple, o.g.	1.25	.55
Germany 1868, ½gr orange, o.g.	1.50	.75
1868, 1gr rose, o.g.	1.25	.65
1872, 2kr orange, o.g.	2.50	1.50
Great Britain 1867, 3p rose.....	1.75	.75
1881, 2½p ultra., o.g.	1.00	.45
Grenada 1863, 1p green	2.50	.90
Luxemburg 1859, 2c black.....	1.25	.50
1859, 4c yellow, o.g.	3.00	1.00
Macao 1894, 47 on 300 orange, o.g.	1.00	.40
Mecklenburg-Strelitz 1864, 1sch		
violet, o.g.	6.00	3.00
Mexico 1861, 1r green (No.7b).....	1.00	.25
Nevis 1867, 1p red	2.50	1.25
Prussia 1861, 3pf violet, o.g. ....	.60	.30
1867, 1kr green	1.25	.60
Roumania 1890, 50b orange, o.g.	1.25	.50
Sarawak 1880, 3c brown (No. 1)....	2.00	.90
Switzerland (Zurich) 1843, 6r black		
small thin spot, o.g. (No. 11).....	30.00	10.00
Tuscany 1853, 1c carm., o.g.	10.00	4.50
1853, 2c blue, o.g.	7.50	3.75
1853, 4c green, o.g.	10.00	5.00

FOREIGN, USED

	Cat.	Our
	Price	Price
Bahamas 1870, 4p rose	\$1.25	\$.50
Barbados 1871 (1p) blue (No.33)...	1.00	.25
Bermuda 1873, 3p buff (No. 6)....	3.50	1.25
British Columbia 1876, 5c red	5.00	2.40
British Guiana 1866, 8c rose	1.75	.70
1875, 6c ultra (No. 70)	6.00	2.00
Cape Good Hope 1855, 1sh green....	5.00	2.25
Ceylon 1872, 64c red brown.....	3.50	1.45
Co.ombian Rep. 1886, 10p lilac rose	6.00	1.25
Dominica 1874, 1p violet.....	1.25	.45
Dominican Rep. 1904, 1c on 20c		
(No. 145)	2.50	1.00
Egypt 1866, 20pa blue	3.00	1.25
Finland 1866, 8p green .....	.50	.20
1875, 8p blue-green	1.25	.40
Great Britain 1856, 1sh green	1.00	.40
1862, 1sh green .....	.60	.20
1867, 10p red brown	1.75	.75
1872, 1sh green .....	.50	.15
Natal 1877, ½ on 1p (No. 61).....	1.85	.75
New So. Wales 1885, 10sh (No.76)	1.50	.75
New Zealand 1862, 6d (No. 16)....	10.00	3.00
1873, 6p blue .....	.50	.15
Nicaragua 1906, 10c on 4c (No.195)	2.00	.75
(Zelaya) 1906, 20c lake (No.360)	3.00	1.00
(Cabo) 1905, 1c plum (No.515)...	1.00	.30
Persia 1880, 10s violet & black	1.00	.40
1902, 10k dark blue (No. 256)....	.35	.10
St. Christopher 1879, 1p lilac rose..	1.75	.70
1879, 6p green .....	.75	.35
St. Vincent 1883, 4p lake (No.48)	1.75	.70
Siam 1898, 4 on 24a (No.49).....	2.50	.90
So. Australia 1867, 10 on 9p (No.34)	7.50	3.00
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A new generation of stamp collectors has arisen since the first number of the WEEKLY appeared on January 7th, 1891; and to the collector of to-day who does not concern himself with philately's past, it seems as though the paper has always existed. When the first number of the WEEKLY was distributed, one thousand and seventy-four weeks ago, it was hailed as a daring and novel venture by the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company of St. Louis, a large corporation, but the projectors of the enterprise had every confidence in its ultimate success and expended in the aggregate thousands of dollars in firmly establishing the paper. Naturally, there were many predictions by the more conservative collectors that a weekly stamp publication could not attain permanency under conditions as they prevailed twenty-four years ago. It was not long before all philatelists were impressed by the intelligent perseverance that was manifest in the management of the paper and the general disposition was to regard the WEEKLY as a fixture.

The editor of the WEEKLY was I. A. Mekeel whose genius later had its fruition in the general publishing field; and at the time of his lamentable death in February, 1913, Mr. Mekeel had attained a national eminence as a publisher and successful business man. One of the early contributors to the WEEKLY was C. E. Severn of Chicago and in 1894, he became the paper's Chicago correspondent. In those days, a column or so of notes each week from the different stamp centers was a feature of the paper. Several years later, business vicissitudes were encountered by the corporation that published the WEEKLY that made a readjustment of its business necessary; and by an order of court, I. A. Mekeel became the buyer and owner of the WEEKLY. Soon, Mr. Mekeel's acumen led him to measure the advertising possibilities of the paper and he determined to launch a campaign that would thoroughly test them. He proposed to Mr. Severn that he become editor and part owner of the WEEKLY and early in 1898, Mr. Severn's alliance with the WEEKLY as editor and partner was made. The paper was edited from Chicago, but published from St. Louis, and Mr. Mekeel, free to give his undivided attention to the business department, found a congenial occupation in expanding the advertising prestige of the WEEKLY.

For several years the paper flourished under these conditions, but it was not long before Scott F. Redfield of Smethport, Pennsylvania, who was publishing a weekly stamp paper at that period, merged his paper into the WEEKLY and became a part owner of the corporation which had been formed under the laws of the state of New York to conduct the WEEKLY. For a time the WEEKLY was printed at the plant of Mr. Redfield at Smethport, Pa., published by Mr. Mekeel in New York and edited by Mr. Severn in Chicago. At this period, the Boston correspondent of the WEEKLY was Willard O. Wylie of Beverly, Mass., and so capably did he discharge his duties that he was recommended to the notice of the owners. After Mr. Wylie had proved his ability further by planning special issues from start to finish, he was invited to become one of the corporation. In the meantime, the WEEKLY had purchased W. W. Jewett's *Weekly Philatelic Era*, an excellent publication that almost divided with the WEEKLY the regard of the collecting public and Mr. Wylie was placed in charge of the *Era* as a separate publication. By his conduct of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, Mr. Wylie further emphasized his fitness for philatelic newspaper work and when the *Era* was consolidated with the WEEKLY, Mr. Wylie, who had bought a tenth interest in the company, was made managing editor.

The interests of Mr. Mekeel in a general publishing sense were becoming more and more important and such were the demands made upon his time by affairs of magnitude that he could not give freely of his services to the corporation, although the paper continued to hold its warm place in his affections. It was advisable to re-incorporate the company under Massachusetts laws and publish the WEEKLY from Boston under Mr. Wylie's direction; and it was at this time or in 1904 that W. W. Jewett entered into a contract with the publishers of the WEEKLY whereby he was to print the paper in his plant at Portland, Maine. From that year, the WEEKLY continued on its steady course until early in 1913, when I. A. Mekeel was stricken suddenly with death at his home in Montclair, New Jersey, and in our memorials of Mr. Mekeel, published on that sad occasion, tribute was paid to Mr. Mekeel's genius by its beneficiary, the WEEKLY. The controlling interest in the WEEKLY then became

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From its early days, our editor has been a worker with the WEEKLY. A student in philatelic research and skilled in the art of communicating his thoughts to paper, Mr. Severn became a valuable correspondent and soon editor of the paper. A financial interest in the paper was followed by the acquiring of larger interests until at the present time, he owns one-half of the WEEKLY stock.

It is needless to say that all his work has been of the highest order, and the WEEKLY is fortunate in being able to command his ripened judgment and experience. The editorial department of the WEEKLY represents the highest degree of philatelic scholarship.

vested in the estate of I. A. Mekeel and for over two years, affairs remained the same. Finally, Mrs. Mekeel felt that it was advisable to dispose of her holdings and the consequence was that the two hundred and fifty-one shares that she held were just recently acquired by Messrs. Severn, Wylie and Jewett, respectively.

The appearance of Mr. Jewett as a member of our little family is hailed with satisfaction, as under the present ownership, each of the proprietors is an actual worker in behalf of the WEEKLY and the hand-books that are published. Further, Mr. Jewett's dominant ability as a "boss printer" will have fuller scope than ever before under the new management; and the remarkable record for typographical cleanliness that he has established in the WEEKLY will be excelled in the days to come.

Willard O. Wylie, who has distinguished himself as managing editor of the WEEKLY for over ten years, feels a greater enthusiasm than ever before in his work and he will bring all energy and enterprise to bear on the rejuvenated WEEKLY, so to say. Mr. Wylie's faithful performance of duties in connection with the company is eloquent testimony to his belief in and liking for the specialistic work.

Charles E. Severn, who as holder of half the stock of the company is president of the corporation, has grown up with the WEEKLY and knows it in every phase. His long service in the WEEKLY's cause in itself is proof that it is something of a labor of love for him to devote the most of his time to the paper's welfare.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

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—A correspondent calls our attention to the fact that the "Gobierno Constitucionalista" overprints of Mexico inverted are worth comparatively little more than the normal varieties and collectors will do well to note this fact. The overprinting is done with a rubber stamp so that inverted varieties are just as easy to make as the normal.

—We welcome to our columns as a regular advertiser F. W. McCreery of Rockville, Conn., who will use six lines displayed. Mr. McCreery will specialize in British Colonies and United States at reasonable prices.

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Herbert Richter, Joseph W. Beggs (12), Herman Boers.

—We have received from W. J. Stanton some pieces of covers showing a queer assortment of stamps used in Mexico. One Banderilla cover has upon it a 50c Denver, 5c Villa GCM, and 1c Carranza GCM. Another from Juarez has Gobierno surcharges, the unsurcharged 50c 1910, and Villa 3c GCM. Let brotherly love continue.

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\$2.50 Int. Exch.	.08	.50	
\$5 Mortgage	.50	2.50	
\$10 Charter Party	.50	3.00	
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Department of Interior.

Owing to the greater number of stamps put into use we can get a better line on the Department of the Interior than many of the other Departments. Perhaps collectors have neglected this department, as it seems less attention has been paid to it than to Agriculture and Treasury, although there is a greater field in Interior than in Agriculture.

The stamps were printed by the Continental Bank Note Co., sometime between May 24 and July 1, 1873. The exact date of printing is not known as they were issued to the department and put into use on July 1. The number of stamps delivered to the government between these dates was 970,475. Between July 1 and September 30, 1873, the contractors delivered 88,000 more stamps, the total value of all stamps issued between May 24 and September 30 being \$59,171.

The design of Interior follows closely those of other departments, and the portraits are the same as those of the postage stamps then current. The words "Dept of the Interior", are contained in a broad ribbon curving over the portrait. In each upper corner are six-pointed stars. Shields between the label of value and the portrait in the 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c and 30c, contain the initials "U" and "S". In the 12c, 15c and 24c the shields are on either side of the label of value, while on the 90c these initials are under the label in the lower corners.

Mr. Luff, in his most excellent work on the Postage Stamps of the United States gives the shades in all values as rose-vermilion and scarlet-vermilion. By close comparison one can find other shades, probably due to age and exposure.

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During the month of February, in 1879, other stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Co., on soft paper. The plates used by the Continental Bank Note Co., were used in every case. The following values were so printed on soft paper: 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 12c, 15c and 24c. The shades are classified as from vermilion to rose-vermilion. A greater variety of shades exist in the soft papers than in the hard.

Mr. Luff gives the following data as to the number of stamps printed and delivered to the Department of the Interior between the years 1874 and 1884, each inclusive:

1c	394,800	12c	359,850
2c	1,413,400	15c	247,100
3c	5,258,500	24c	134,125
6c	1,722,500	30c	138,300
10c	284,350	90c	64,377

When orders were given to destroy all obsolete stamps on hand sometime during February, in 1885, a considerable number of each denomination went into the hopper of destruction, so the above figures do not exactly indicate the amount of each value which were distributed for use. But a fairly good estimate of the comparative worth can be gleaned from the above figures.

In common with the other department stamps the Interior were overprinted by the makers with the word "Specimen" in small light gothic capitals. All denominations were so printed, and the following amounts were sold:

1c	7,194	12c	75
2c	1,263	15c	78
3c	88	24c	77
6c	83	30c	75
10c	82	90c	77

From these figures it will be seen that a complete set of "Specimens" is worth more than a 5,000 variety collection of all countries. And yet there are some collectors who say there is nothing in specialism.

The error "Sepcimen" occurs in the Interior stamps, but only in the 1 cent, so I am told. I have not seen the error with the small "i" in these specimens.

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Austria 1904, 1-72h (87-99)	14	1.25
Azores 1906, 2 1/2-500r	11	2.15
Postage Due 1904, 5-100r	7	.75
Bavaria 1911, 3pf-20m	16	13.50
Bosnia 1912 (Pict'l), 12, 60, 72h (62-64)	3	.65
1912, 1h-5k (65-84)	20	3.75
Belgium 1915, 50, 75c, 1, 1 1/2, 2 1/2fr	5	1.75
Brazil 1906, 10-5000r (174-185)	12	4.25
1906 Unpaid, 10-2000r (432-442)	11	1.90
1906 Offic'l, 10-10000r (501-513)	13	2.70
Bulgaria 1901-06, 1s-3l	12	3.50
Cameroons 1900, 3pf-5m	13	5.00
1914, 20pi; Togo 1914, 10pi wmk.	2	.17
Canal Zone 1915, 1, 2, 5, 10c	4	.25
1914, Postage Due 1, 2, 10c used	3	.50
1915, Postage Due 1, 2, 10c, used	3	.22
Cape Verde 1901, 500, 700r	2	2.00
1903, 15-400r	8	2.50
1905, 50r on 65r		.15
Postage Due 1904, 5-500r	10	2.00
Caroline Is. 1900, 3pf-5m	13	5.00
Chile 1905-09, 1c-1p	11	3.90
Congo 1908, 5c-10fr (81-40)	10	6.25
1910, 5c-10fr (154-160)	10	5.25
Cuba 1914, 1c-1p	8	2.20
1914, Postage Due, 1, 2, 5c (used 15c)	3	.25
Dahomey 1904, 2c-5fr	10	3.25
1906, 1c-5fr	15	3.15
Denmark 1905, 1-1000 (57-67)	10	1.30
1907, 5-1000 (70-76)	8	.95
1907 Newspaper, 1c-10kr (201-210)	10	3.25
France Levant 1902-03, 1c-20pi (621-35)	15	2.90
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Port Said 1902-03, 1c-5fr (1568-1580)	15	2.60
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1905-07, 1c-5fr	17	3.15
French Guinea 1904, 1c-5fr	15	3.35
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1905, 1c-2 1/2d (337-346)	10	7.75
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Morocco 1900, 3c-6 1/2p (707-719)	13	7.65
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As yet the Madero stamps are of historical interest only, as they have never done postal service. These stamps were delivered to the Mexican Government at least two months ago and they are still being held, supposedly for commemorative purposes. The values issued are 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c and 10c. I have a few of the 1c, 2c and 5c, the latter imperforate being from a proof sheet. My prices are as follows:—\$1 each for the 1c and 2c and \$3.50 per pair for the 5c. I purchased these when received from the postmaster. I have none of the other values.

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—Editor Scott in *Met. Philatelist*.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

We Pause—We may be pardoned, we trust, for indulging in a self-approving hour or two at this time which marks an epochal occasion in the career of the WEEKLY. We have just announced that the controlling interest in the paper that belonged to the estate of I. A. Mekeel has been bought by Messrs. Severn, Wylie and Jewett; and the stock of the company is now owned wholly by Messrs. Severn, Wylie and Jewett. The experience of the proprietors has been so extensive as philatelic publishers that they may becomingly give assurance that improvements will be made in the publication as the weeks progress. There is no restriction placed upon the fullest efforts that the members of the company may develop; and as we said before, the discerning reader will notice a gradual strengthening of the savour of the WEEKLY until it meets the demands of the most captious. Elsewhere in this issue we speak briefly of the career of the WEEKLY.

His Little Joke—Some time ago, Dr. C. F. Roh suggested that we give a prize to the one who named the oldest stamp. We thought that he had in mind a contest for early dates on the penny

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Post Office Exhibit—The postal administration has issued a notice to "officers and employees of the postal service" who visit the Panama-Pacific Exhibition to inspect the exhibit of the Post Office Department, which has on exhibition "a Model Post Office, a Model Railway Post Office, Motion Pictures of Postal Operations, a Display of Postage Stamps, and a Display of Pneumatic Tubes, such as are used in the larger cities." It is mentioned that the display of stamps is made in connection with the Model Post Office. The exhibit is in charge of a personal representative of the postmaster general.

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Our Thanks, Good Sir—The Rev. Joseph Dreyer of Westerly, Rhode Island, writes: "The appended stamp with the postmark, 'Thann-Alsace' is yours with my best compliments and regards. The French having consolidated their positions in the charming valleys of the Vosges Mountains that lead into the plains of the Ill and the Rhine in the southwestern part of Upper Alsace have reestablished postal communications in the towns held by their troops. Some of these towns and villages have been in their hands since early August, 1914. From the first they used the ordinary French stamps and presumably the 'Postes-Bureau Frontiere' obliterations with distinguishing letters were used there. Now they are using date postmarks which give the name of the place, e. g., 'Thann' followed by that of the country 'Alsace.' The domestic rates of postage apply in those towns on all correspondence to France and French territories. The earliest date of the 'Thann-Alsace' postmark in my possession is Feb. 11, 1915, 7 A. M., expressed. There are to my knowledge French post offices at Thann, Dannemarie, Massevaux and St. Amarin." The specimen sent us is the one centime current France with the dated postmark of April 26th, 1915.

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Those Roulettes—Readers of the WEEKLY had early information about the Kansas City roulettes and they have been kept informed of the developments of the issue. Recently, several of our contemporaries have been devoting space to a consideration of the stamps in their varied aspects and the only advantage that might be claimed for their accounts is that the journals in question now present the whole story, while through force of circumstances our recital was a continued one that reached its conclusion some time ago. So strong a case has been made in favor of the roulettes that there is a basis for the belief that they will be given a place in the catalogue; and further, the work may include mention of a sub-variety of part roulette. It seems that the post office clerk in rouletting the sheets missed the vertical rows in a few of the sheets. Undoubtedly, Mr. L. B. Lincoln of Chicago was the discoverer of the Kansas City roulette which he found on a letter in the ordinary mail from Kansas City; and early announcement was made of the curiosity in the WEEKLY. While we

have always felt that no speculative taint attached to the varieties, it appears that we underestimated the strength of their appeal to collectors. We have been informed that "fakes of the roulettes have been made in Chicago, in St. Louis and in Seattle." Yes, we know that as a joke a collector in Chicago had his typist roulette some of the imperforate stamps by using the "dash" key of the typewriter, uninked, to punch out the slits in the margin.

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Official Sanction—From our valued correspondent, Mr. W. C. Michaels, Kansas City, Mo., we have received a statement that was sent him by Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery on the subject of the Kansas City roulettes and which contains some bits of information that supplement what has been said in the WEEKLY: "As you are doubtless aware, the Department issues one and two cent postage stamps imperforate primarily for the benefit of the users of certain mechanical stamp-affixers and stamp-venders requiring them in that form. It appears that the Kansas City post office having in stock some of these stamps for which the public demand had ceased, perforated them by means of a tracing wheel with a view to making them available for use by the general public. When this perforating came to the notice of the Department, the Postmaster was requested to submit a statement concerning it, and I quote from his reply dated December 28, 1914: 'It was found that a very satisfactory perforation could be made with an ordinary tracing-wheel; and sheets of these stamps were in that way perforated from time to time, and placed on sale with the regular stock at the retail stamp windows. We have perforated 93,600 one cent stamps, of which 85,700 have been sold, and have perforated 69,200 two cent stamps, all of which have been sold.' January 5, 1915, the Postmaster was advised by the Department that there would probably be some demand on the part of collectors for these stamps and that the remaining one cent 'rouletted' stamps should be reserved for such sales but that not more than 100 should be sold to a purchaser. He was also instructed not to make any special perforations in future without authority from the Department."

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Split—Copies of the current five centavos green of Bolivia, 1913, are coming through the mails in the ordinary course of business, split diagonally; and it is certain that the use of the stamp as a provisional is allowed if not officially recognized by the authorities.

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Some Little Visits to the Offices of Big Dealers.

By the MANAGING EDITOR.

It was my privilege some two weeks ago to spend several days in New York City, calling upon the dealers and getting well acquainted with trade conditions. A very optimistic feeling prevailed and dealers generally feel that the coming summer will find more activity than any previous summer.

I cannot take the space to give a detailed story of the many calls made but feel it incumbent upon the WEEKLY to note the manner in which the "New Birth" Special was received and make a bit of comment of a more or less personal nature.

At the Scott office Messrs. Clark and Russell were found surrounded by a busy corps of clerks and there was a bustle of activity that was gratifying. Mr. Clark said, "Speak a good word for the *Circular*," and this we are glad to do. This house organ is now an established fact and is no doubt getting business for the firm. The up-to-date collector needs the *Circular* fully as much as he needs the standard catalog.

J. C. Morgenthau is extremely active with a very superb collection of stamps to be sold at auction in June and July. His quarter page advertisement this week gives only a suggestion of the wonderful collection and anyone who buys at auction will need a catalog of this sale.

Mr. Klemann of the Nassau Stamp Co. is very busy with the Chapman collection, a collection which secured high honors at the New York Exhibition. The *Philatelic Gazette*, published by this firm, is being well edited, every article being original and it deserves a larger subscription list than it has yet attained.

The Economist Stamp Co. last year entered the list of house organ publishers with a *Bulletin* that has proven very successful and Mr. Stern expresses himself as well pleased with the publication. It is withal a newsy sheet and has evidently come to stay. Send for a specimen copy.

In Mr. Bartels' advertisement will be found a list of special offerings well worth perusing. The writing of an advertisement is not very much to Mr. Bartels' liking, but a study of the offers presented will show that he can do a good job when he gets down to business.

The Woodwirth firm makes an offering of an auction sale to lend variety to the contents of this issue. These auction sales through the WEEKLY have become quite popular in view of the low rate at which space can be had, coupled with the fact that an appeal can be made to 8,000 stamp collectors.

A. Perrin of Perrin & Co. has favored the WEEKLY with a quarter page. During the summer months this firm divides its interest in stamps with kodaks and kodak supplies, but in either line the firm makes good and a pretty little store on East 28th St. offers a good opportunity to secure business.

We are greatly pleased to have Herman Schmidt represented in this number, and especially since his list of wholesale offerings will be bound to attract attention. I can vouch for the value in the 100 precancelled stamps for \$1.50 and lovers of these stamps will find it an excellent bargain.

On Broadway at 212 is C. G. Dietrich, who started in the stamp business in Buenos Ayres in 1890 and continued for thirteen years. More recently he came to New York from Liverpool. Mr. Dietrich handles the medium and rare grades of stamps, with wide connections in Europe. On account of the war he was obliged to transfer his business here and wants the advanced collector to

give him a trial. We bespeak for him a goodly share of American business.

When the Krassa stock was recently disposed of, Mr. Krassa stated in the WEEKLY that ere long he would again be established in the foremost ranks of dealers. He has made good with his promise and showed the Managing Editor many books of choice stamps on his recent call at his office, 71 Nassau St.

The stock of the Empire Stamp Co. on Nassau St. is the latest acquisition of J. E. Handshaw, whom we found at his office on John St. buried in work. He has found time to prepare an advertisement for this issue.

While we are greatly obliged to every advertiser in the WEEKLY for patronage extended, the Managing Editor is especially pleased at the cooperation extended him on his business trip to the stamp trade center of America as evidenced by the amount of advertising patronage seen in this special number.

OUR REBUS COVER.

Our cover is a rather unique one and in due season we shall announce its source. In the meantime, how many of our subscribers can find stamps upon which are pictured portions of the cover design. In all, nineteen stamps are represented.

We shall be glad to recognize the industry and energy of contestants with some suitable prize awards. Just get busy and send in as good a list as possible.

All entries are due June 15.

CATALOG CHANGES.

These changes of prices of stamps listed in Scott's Standard Catalogue are announced by the publishers:—

Belgium.

Report has reached us that large quantities of the 1912 set unused have fallen into the hands of the Germans and are being freely offered at a very small fraction of face value. We, therefore, cancel our quotations for the present.

95	10c red,	—	.01
96	20c olive green,	—	.01
97	35c bistre brown,	—	.02
98	40c green,	—	—
99	50c gray,	—	—
100	1fr orange,	—	—
101	2fr violet,	—	—
102	5fr plum,	—	—
103	10c red,	—	—
104	20c olive green,	—	.01
105	25c ultramarine,	—	—
107	40c green,	—	—

Bolivia.

102	5c black brown,	—	—
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Cuba.

42	5c rose,	3.00	—
159	4m orange brown,	.35	.50

Denmark.

27	5c rose and blue,	.60	.40
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Dutch Indies.

1	10c lake,	4.00	1.50
13	2c violet brown,	.50	.35

Eritrea.

112	50L yellow,	—	3.75
113	100L blue,	—	3.50

Nicaragua.

446a	6c red brown,	.25	—
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Norway.

38	12c pale green,	8.50	2.00
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Panama.

183	5c on 1p lake,	.30	—
184	5c on 1p lake,	.20	—

Portuguese India.

335	1½r on 9r yellow green,	.75	—
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Russia.

77	5k claret,	.25	.20
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Sierra Leone.

75	5sh green and carmine,	7.50	—
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Sweden.

205	6c gray,	4.00	1.75
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Uruguay.

197	2c on 7c brown orange,	—	—
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Belgium

Belgium 1882, 15c grey, No. 208	\$0.35
1882, 1fr lavender,	214 .03
1895; 15c grey & black,	217 .15
1895, 2M buff,	225 .06
1909, 15c slate & violet,	231 .08
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All three of these gentlemen are philatelists of no mean repute, and through their experience have succeeded in turning out in the aggregate more real philatelic matter to the readers than any other paper in America. Mr. Jewett has attended to the printing end of the paper for eleven years, and as mentioned above, has done wonderful work in keeping the paper free from errors and in "making up" the different issues.

The proprietors of this paper are famed in other ways beside their unusual ability as publishers. The pictures of the three gentlemen will appear in this issue, so I leave it to you to select three more distinguished looking gentlemen anywhere than our worthy publishers. (These last remarks are included with the hope that said publishers will see fit to raise my salary for these efforts. They are distinguished, though, and all good fellows.)

I have said nothing about the future for the reason that the plans have not been disclosed as yet. Only, I do know that the future will hold something for the readers that will excel all of our past efforts. Every issue will be worth while, and that in itself is a promise that amounts to something. We certainly intend to give our readers the biggest half-dollar's worth of stamp reading they can purchase anywhere. That, in addition to the benefits gained from our advertisers, the best dealers in the business, ought to be enough to please the most exacting reader.

The WEEKLY will continue the same policy as heretofore, and will always be glad to hear from readers having suggestions to make.

The WEEKLY is more of a philatelic newspaper than a magazine. There are many monthly papers to handle the magazine end of philately, but only one weekly to keep the collector informed of the news. The WEEKLY has seldom failed to be first with all the important items of interest to both collector and dealer. Our staff is composed of some of the leading lights of philately. Many of our contributors have several books

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149, 179, 182, 194, Each	.00½
Nos. 23, 106, 139, 144, 150, 165,	
190, Each	.01
Nos. 143, 160, 178, Each	.01½
Nos. 39, 44, Each	.02
No. 60, 132, Each	.03
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Chile, Nos. 29, 51, 53, 68, 69, 71, 90, 101, Ea.	.00½
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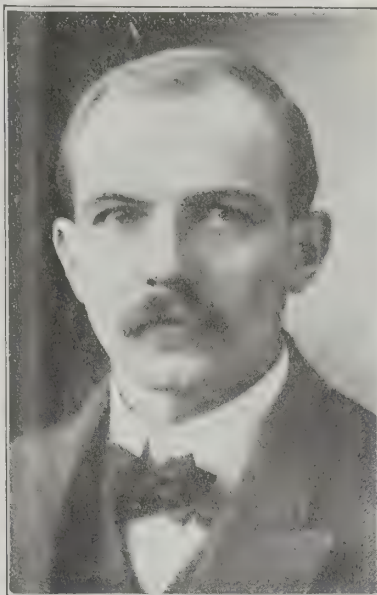
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5c dull lake, No. 22	.02
10c blue, No. 23	.07
20c green, No. 24	.10
1878-81, 1c, 2c, 5c, three for	.02
1883-86, 5c, 10c, 20c, three for	.03
*50c violet, No. 32	.30
50c violet, No. 32	.10
1892, 15c dark green, No. 33	.02
25c orange brown, No. 34	.03
1p brown and black, No. 35	.08
1894, 1c and 2c, two for	.01
1899, 30c rose carmine, No. 38	.20
1900, 1c yellow green, No. 39	.02
2c brown rose, No. 40	.01
5c deep blue, No. 41	.01
10c violet, No. 42	.04
20c gray, No. 43	.09
50c red brown, No. 44	.06
5c on 30c rose carm. No. 45	.04
1901, 30c deep orange, No. 46	.10
1c yellow green, No. 47	.01
2c rose, No. 48	.01
5c blue, No. 49	.02
10c violet, No. 50	.04
1902, 1c green, No. 51	.01
2c carmine, No. 52	.01
5c ultramarine, No. 53	.01
10c red and black, No. 54	.03
20c violet and black, No. 55	.03
1903, 10c on 30c orange, No. 57	.04
1904, *1c on 20c ultramarine, No. 58	.03
2c yellow brown, No. 59	.02
5c red, No. 60	.03
10c olive green, No. 61	.05
*3c on 1p brown, No. 64	.06
12c on 5c brown, No. 67	.05
1905-09, 1c, 2c, 5c, three for	.02
3c yellow brown, No. 70	.03
10c gray and black, No. 72	.01
12c lake and black, No. 73	.50
15c violet and black, No. 74	.04
20c orange brown & blk. No. 76	.02
30c blue green & black, No. 76	.05
50c ultramarine & black, No. 77	.04
1910, Juan Fernandez—	
5c on 12c lake & black, No. 79	.06
*10c on 1p gold, green & gray, No. 80	.08
*20c on 1p gold, green & gray, No. 81	.12
1910, Jubilee issue—	
*1c dark green & black, No. 83	.03
1c dark green & black, No. 83	.02
*2c lake and black, No. 84	.02
2c lake and black, No. 84	.02
5c deep blue and black, No. 86	.02
1911, 1c deep green, No. 98	.01
2c scarlet, No. 99	.01
5c dark blue, No. 101	.01
15c violet and black, No. 104	.03
20c orange red & black, No. 105	.02
30c bistre brown & black, No. 107	.04
50c myrtle green & black, No. 108	.07
1p green and black, No. 109	.15
1912-13, 2c scarlet, No. 113	.01
4c black brown, No. 114	.01
10c blue and black, No. 115	.02
Telegraph stamps—	
1891, 2c yellow brown	.01
10c olive	.01
20c blue	.02
1894, 2c yellow brown	.02
10c olive	.02
20c blue	.02
Envelopes, cut square—	
1872, 5c violet, on white laid	.05
*15c pink on white laid	.25
*20c olive on buff wove	1.25
1905, 2c gray on white	.05
1907, 5c gray on white	.05

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COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.



WILLIAM W. JEWETT.

Printer of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

We take great pleasure in the pictorial introduction of one who needs no introduction to many of the patrons of the WEEKLY. The writer has been associated with him for many years and it is a pleasure for him to give a few facts concerning his career.

Mr. Jewett was born in Bridgton, Me., March 30, 1869, establishing the monthly *Philatelic Herald*, Vol. I, No. 1, in 1884, in Portland. A specimen copy is before us and it is typical of the first effort of a boy with a new printing office outfit, and quite a contrast with this number of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS which is a product of his establishment. Mr. Jewett established himself as a job printer and made good.

Mr. Jewett published the *Herald* for nearly five years, when he sold it and shortly after purchased the monthly *Philatelic Era* from Pickard & Eustis of Portland, in 1889. It was changed to a semi-monthly after a few years and on September 1, 1894, to a weekly and continued until sold to I. A. Mekeel in October, 1903. As stated elsewhere in this issue, the editorial management of the *Era* was placed in the hands of Willard O. Wylie and in the spring of 1904 the paper was consolidated with MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

During the years 1889-91, Mr. Jewett published a series of four philatelic handbooks in conjunction with J. H. Lyons, now with the New England Stamp Company.

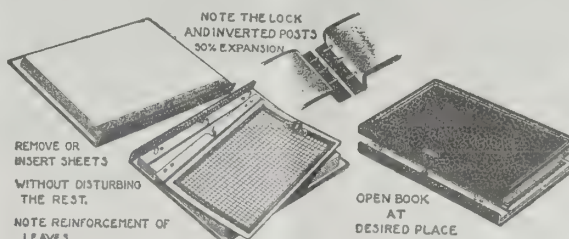
In 1907, Mr. Jewett bought another printing plant and combined the two at the present location, 226-232 Federal St., Portland, incorporating the business as the Jewett Printing Co., of which he is treasurer and general manager. The plant has since expanded and now occupies nearly all of a two-story brick block in the very center of the city.

Mr. Jewett is a member of several orders, including the Masons, Red Men and Sons of Veterans. His pet hobbies are the Sons of Veterans and the automobile. That he has not forgotten his old love for stamps is evident from the fact that a very considerable accumulation may be found in the Jewett home-stand.

The Managing Editor is pleased to pay this tribute to one with whom he has been closely associated during the past eleven years. It has meant almost daily contact and with the many opportunities that a paper such as this offers for misunderstandings, fault-finding, and criticism, there has never been the least bit of friction between the two. His work has been of the most painstaking order and the uniformly handsome typographical appearance of the WEEKLY has been due to the interest Mr. Jewett has taken in it.

He has come into what is logically his own.

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U. S. REVENUES, 1915

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13 Wolsieffer's Pocket Ed'n Stock Books, holds 560 stamps	.25	each .17
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3 South African Provisional War Stamps, by B.W.H. Poole	.30	each .20
2 Seychelles, by B. W. H. Poole	each .30	each .20
7 A Penny All the Way, by Fred. J. Melville	each .15	each .10
5 The Making of United States Stamps, F. E. Goodwin	.15	each .10
2 Goodwin's Specialized United States,	each .50	each .35
7 Cook Islands by B. W. H. Poole	each .25	each .15
7 Beginners' Guide	each .25	each .15
3 Sanitary Fair Stamps, by C. E. Severn	each 1.00	each .85
1 Wonderland of Stamps, by W. D. Burroughs	1.50	1.20
2 Senf Catalogues of Entires	1.10	.90
1 Die Varieties of the Nesbitt Series of U. S. Envelopes, V. M. Berthold	1.00	.80
1 Bartels' Check List of Panama	.50	.25
1 Proof of U. S. Stamps, by E. H. Mason	.50	.35
1 Proof and Essays of U. S. Envelopes, by E. H. Mason	.50	.35
1 Bartels' Check List Canal Zone	.50	.25
1 Retouches 2c Envelope Dies of 1903, Barrett	.50	.35
3 Scott's International Junior Album, (board)	2.00	1.50
3 Scott's International Junior Album, (cloth)	3.00	2.25
1 Scott's International Junior Album (cloth-interleaved)	4.00	2.75
23 Glazed Watermark Detectors	.15	.08
1 Large size Magnifying Glass, (circular block), slight chip from face	1.25	.60
38 Scott's 1915 Catalogue, 73rd Edition, cloth, post free	1.00	.80
5 Surcharge Compasses, pol'd steel, finest screw adj'ment	1.50	.75
24 Tweezers, rounded pointed ends, No. 25	.50	.30
24 Tweezers, fine pointed ends, No. 72	.50	.30
3 Blank Albums, loose leaf, very fine, with green bordered sheets	each 3.00	each 2.00
24 Bijou Blank Albums, 100 loose leaves, 5x7 inches, fine for envelopes	each .60	each .35
12 Dealers Approval Books, cloth bound	each .35	each .20
36 Pocket Stock Books No. 1, 6x4 inches, 6 card leaves	.25	each .15
35 Collectors Pocket Books, 3 fold, 24 leaves strip pockets	.25	each .15
12 Pocket Stock Books, No. 5, 6 stout card leaves, 48 linen pockets	.90	each .60
12 Pocket Stock Books, No. 65, 6½x4½, cloth cover	.40	each .25

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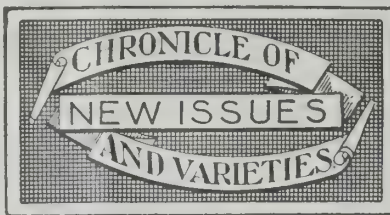
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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

AUSTRALIA.—Ewen's Weekly says that the 1d King George stamp has been issued with the small "OS" perforation. The 4d yellow is said to be more common than the darker shade.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The Rev. Louis Voss has shown us the current 5c ultramarine, overprinted, with wavy lines in lilac, as recently noted. Apparently, the overprinting is from a tint block similar to those used in making the safety paper for checks.

HONDURAS.—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. shows some new varieties and freaks in the official stamps of this country, including the 50c brown, No. 137, and 50c rose, No. 157, overprinted "Official" in black; the 5c ultramarine, type A 18, or portrait type with the same overprint; the 50c brown, No. 137, with the same overprint, and also surcharged a new value, "\$0.20", and a pair of the 2c rose, No. 152a, with the same overprint, one being spelled "Oficail." The overprint on the 5c ultramarine, portrait type comes in both black and red, with one stamp in each, reading "OFIC", the latter part of the word being lacking.

Official Adhesives.

Black Overprint.

50c chocolate brown.

"\$0.20" on 50c chocolate brown.

50c rose.

5c ultramarine.

Red Overprint.

5c ultramarine.

NEW BRITAIN.—Maury's Collectionneur announces that a portion of the stamps of German New Guinea have been overprinted "O.S." in addition to "G.R.I." and new value, as previously printed. There seems to be some doubt in regard to the standing of this issue, but M. Maury illustrates one of the values with the "O.S." overprint. The quantities printed are said to be as follows: 3pf, 9258; 5pf, 1681; 2 1/2 on 10pf, 1675; 2 1/2d on 20pf, 1445.

REUNION.—Arthur Russell has favored us with several covers having used copies of the Red Cross stamp in the latest surcharge. The statement that the stamps were surcharged locally is borne out by the fact that the cross is made up from pieces of rule, while the ink is orange red and not the clear carmine of the Paris prints.

SERBIA.—Maury's Collectionneur reports that the Serbian Government proposes to issue a new set of stamps, which will show King Peter in the battle front.

STATEMENT FROM GEN. COOLIDGE.

We corrected last week the statement made in the previous issue that Gen. Coolidge was to be a candidate for the presidency of the A. P. S. General Coolidge addresses a letter to the WEEKLY dealing with this matter and we quote from his letter the following:

"Please allow me to state emphatically that I decline the honor; but while my services are ever ready for any work or assistance to the A. P. S. I do not desire to be re-elected President. I accepted it last year only under protest, and because no one else was nominated when the voting tickets had to be sent out blank. I understand Mr. C. A. Howes of Boston is willing to accept the nomination for President, but there being no 'Branch' in that city, there has been some delay in publishing the fact to the A. P. S. members."

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30c, No. 7175	*No. 158503
1862-66, 5c, No. 7650	*Per 1020
15c, No. 7760	*No. 159604
1867, 24c, No. 7845	*Per 1030
2c, No. 8725	*No. 158710
10c, No. 8975	*Per 1080
12c, No. 9060		
15c, No. 911.50		
2c, No. 9315		
10c, No. 9650		
12c, No. 9750		
15c, No. 9875		
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1870-71, 7c, No. 1382.50		
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12c, No. 15140		
30c, No. 15435		
1873, 7c, No. 16045		
12c, No. 16245		
30c, No. 16530		
90c, No. 1661.50		
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*1893, 1c to 10c, o. g.\$.55
*1c to 50c, o. g.1.75
*15c green, o. g.25
*50c blue, o. g.70

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Numbers Scott 1915.

No. 1313\$.03	*No. 147812
No. 133210	*Per 1085
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No. 135205	*No. 149508
No. 138003	*No. 149606
*No. 139712	*No. 150412
*Per 1085	*Per 101.00
No. 140803	*No. 151604
*No. 141120	*No. 151520
*No. 142003	*Per 101.50
No. 145503	*No. 151605
*No. 14161.40	*Per 1040
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WITH US ONCE AGAIN.

Our readers noticed last week the advertisement of the Manhattan Stamp Co., and this firm will be with us regularly in the future. Regular space has been taken on page 3 under Bryant Pollard.

We expect that Herman Schmidt of N. Y. City who has not advertised in the WEEKLY for some years will henceforth be represented in each number of the WEEKLY. His advertisements will be worth reading.

E. H. Gammans, Jr., takes displayed space and also space in adlets. We found Mr. Gammans full of business on our recent call upon him at his Nassau St. office and we shall expect him to be with us regularly hereafter.

The name of Jacques Krebs is a familiar one. Mr. Krebs advertised in the WEEKLY years ago and we are glad to have him with us every week. His advertising copy, written in perfect form, would be welcome in any newspaper office.

Vahan Mozian, formerly advertising as the Ararat Stamp Co., is now located at 140 Nassau St., N. Y. City, where he has a fine office. He is the headquarters for Forbin's revenue catalog and we are glad to have him with us regularly.

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E. T. PARKER, BETHLEHEM, PA.

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Bosnia, Charity, 7 & 12h10
Hungary, Charity, 5 & 10f08
Tunis, Red Cross, 15c10
*Crete 1915, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50f07
*Mexico S. Surcharge, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20c27
*Mexico G. C. M. Monogram 2, 3, 5c05
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Boston, Mass.

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I'd like to buy a stamp collection. [tf] Burt McCann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn.

1040 all diff. Postage stamps in fine condition, unmounted, at \$2.40. E. H. GAMMANS, JR., 450 3rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [76]

FORDHAM STAMP EXCHANGE, Fordham, New York City.*

"BC" Approvals speak for themselves. [tf]

The American Philatelic Society. Largest national philatelic society in the world. Dues \$1.80, includes "The American Philatelist," use of Sales Dept., etc. Over 4000 books in circulation last year, sales \$9,856. Address, WM. E. AULT, Secy., Chestnut and Walnut Sts., Jeffersonville, Ind. [tf]

12,000 varieties on my approval sheets at 50¢ disc. 1 set cat. value \$1.25 free to all new applicants; ref. required. Collectors' duplicates bought. CHAS. T. EGNER, 716 No. Fountain St., Allentown, Pa. [H]

I'd like to have you tell me what you are looking for—I may have it. Burt McCann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn.

U. S. Precancels, 100 var., 20c; 200 var., 50c. Approvals for reference. ROBT. WEBER, Galeton, Pa. [tf]

8000 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

1000 vars. stamps free, 2c brings particulars. W. W. PHILLIPS, Lewiston, Calif. [tf]

Gov't book panes few left to close, some plate Nos. H. T. WILLCOX, Jewett City, Conn. [tf]

Approvals for beginners at 1/2c each. Square Deal Stamp Co., 36 Elm St., Galeton, Pa. [tf]

I'd like to buy your duplicates. [tf] Burt McCann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn.

Stamps to ex. with medium collectors; also duplicates to trade in lots of 10. F. T. CORLESS, 80 Killingsworth Ave., Portland, Ore.

Wholesale only, lowest prices, lists free to the trade only. WM. v. d. WETTERN, JR., Howard Co., Glenelg, Md. [tf]

Stamps at a cent, best you ever saw. Better grades too at net prices. Ref. required. PROHASKA, 121 Hutton, Jersey City, N. J. [tf]

10 U. S. Civil War revenues free to each applicant for our A1 approvals at big discounts from Scott. Greater discount for promptness. Ref. req. R. E. HOLCH, Gilman, Ill. [tf]

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Get into touch with European and British Colonial collectors. It pays. "Alfred Smith's Monthly Circular," 25c yearly. Prominent American Philatelists like Messrs. Luff, Deats, Stone, etc., subscribe. Why not you? 4 Southampton Row, London, Eng. [90]

I'd like to sell you some Mexican War Stamps "Constitucionalista" printed surch. set 4, 10c "Villa" surcharge, set of 3, 8c Burt McCann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn.*

\$10,000 Cash to invest in stamp collections. Large lots, or a Dealer's stock. Wanted especially U. S. Collection, quantities of old issues, Civil War Revs., Omaha, Columbians up to present issues, also Canadians. Bank references furnished. MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada. [tf]

"BC" Apps.—Prices you'll be glad to pay. [tf]

Have you anything to buy, sell or exchange? This column only 20c per line.

Net approvals, 1/2c, 1c and up. Premiums given. A trial solicited. Reference, please. W. W. DAYTON, Nashotah, Wis. [tf]

Try our 1, 2 and 3 cent approval books. Free Premium to everyone sending good Reference. INDIANA STAMP CO., 420 Saks Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind. [tf]

It's free with my 50% approvals and refs. I. ROBINSON, 814 M St. N. W., Wash., D.C. [tf]

One cent approvals. JOS. D. EILERS, 3005 Greenwood Ave., Louisville, Ky. [78]

Send me as large a want list as possible and what money you can spare and you receive a fine bargain. SILAS CHAPMAN, JR., 102 Pearl St., Hartford, Conn. [tf]

If you need blank approval books see Bushnell's adlet last week. [F2]

Mex. Const. Mixture, postally used stamps. Includes 1, 2, 3, 5c Denver, 1 and 5c surcharge, 2 and 5c Villa G.C.M. Mont., etc. 50c per 100, postfree. S. B. HOPKINS, Brownsville, Tex. [74]

Fine U. S. Revenues, Fair U. S., 50 off. Ref. Holley Stamp Co., East Pembroke, Mass. [74]

Allow 32 letters to the line. [tf]

I'd like to fill some of those vacant spaces in good old United States—Postage, Depts. or Revenues—What do you need? Burt McCann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Spain 1909 & 1910, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50c, 1p, .12 Sweden 1910-12, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 50c, 1k, .15 Jos. Trauner, 1118 Farm Rd., Secaucus, N. J.*

Bosnia Dues, set of 13, 15c. BERT DEGRUSH, 49 Withington St., Dorchester, Mass.

Set of 7 var. unused and perfect cat. \$1.71 free to my approval applicants. ELMER SMITH, Pontoon, Ill. *

Russian Red Cross Charity, 1, 3, 7, 10 kopecks in a variety not offered before. Not a paper or perforation variety. In "Roessler's Stamp News" (East Orange, N. J., U. S. A.)*

Free! War Stamps, Canada, 3 unused to new applicants for a general variety of approvals at fair prices. New and medium collectors will find here a number of the missing ones, not in their Albums. References. J. V. DOYLE, 35 Maltby Place, New Haven, Connecticut.

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These approval selections of stamps are O. K. High Grade; none below 5c each. All at low net prices. Reference! HENRY WENDT, Manila, Iowa. [tf]

"BC" Approvals—Satisfied Customers. [tf]

Old Notes and Bills wanted. Send List. A. A. LEVE, Box 495, Syracuse, N. Y.

500 diff. British Col. mounted and in fine condition, cat. \$13, for \$4.85. Nyassa, 13 var. 1901 un., 25c. Liberia reg. 5 var., 35c. C. J. GIBTON, 2013 Palmer Av., New Orleans, La.

Gold Coast, King George, 2d, 4c; 2 1/2d, 5c; 3d white back, 15c; 6d, 10c. Approvals A1 always. W. F. FERGUSON, 280 4th Ave., New York.

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Collectors—Exchange your duplicates for Albums, Catalogues, Hinges or other supplies or for stamps you need. Or will buy your duplicates. Write for particulars. HARLEY H. HELSER, Box 425, Dayton, Ohio.

Will exchange 40 Acre of Land in Baldwin Co., Alabama. Worth by Bank appraisement \$1600.00, Land Co. would ask double. For Collection or Stock of good Stamps. OLD MISSION STAMP CO., 801 No. Hollenbeck, Los Angeles, Calif.

Want Lists Wanted; send yours to us with Bank references. We will do the rest. MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada. [tf]

A collection of Birds' skins cat. \$1000, to trade for good stamps. F. T. CORLESS, 80 Killingsworth Ave., Portland, Oregon.

FORDHAM STAMP EXCHANGE, Fordham, New York City.*

Canada War Tax 1 and 2c used to prepay my 35 var. packet of Canada & N. F. for only 25c. ARC. OLIVIER, 41-B d'Autenil, Que. Can.

I'd like to sell you a Centennial entire unused (1421), 50c. Burt McCann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Wholesale list of Sixty Large pages, cheapest in America, will soon be issued—is your name on our Mailing List? MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada. [tf]

2104 all diff. Postage stamps, something fine. Special lot, \$10.00. E. H. GAMMANS, JR., 450 3rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [76]

Canada. All unused. War Tax 1c & 2c, both 5c. Jubilee 1897, 1/2c to 15c (9 stamps), only \$1.50. 2c K. G. Hair line var., \$1. Post. extra. METEOR, 13 Biggar Av., Toronto, Can.

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Wanted on approval. Unused: Albania No. 35; Bangkok No. 16, Col. Rep. (Cauca) No. 8, (Cundinamarca) No. 23, (Magdalena) No. 1, India (Bussahir) No. 37, Maderia No. 40. Used: Grigalanda No. 98, India (Jammu and Kashmir) No. 4, Spanish Marianna Islands No. 1. A. G. CLARK, 336 Rutherford Ave., Trenton, N. J.

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Mexico. Used Denver 50, 20c; 1 peso, 30c; Gobierno surch. 50, 15c; 1 peso, 30c; "Baja Calif." issue 1, 2, 5 & 10c for 20c. Unused or on cover to you from Mex., Villa 20c, 10c; 50c, 20c. Rebel Mex. on approval. Large stock of covers. W. J. STANTON, 544 A Ave., Coronado, Calif.

FORDHAM STAMP EXCHANGE, Fordham, New York City.*

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I'd like to buy some good old United States. Burt McCann, 321 No. Newton, Minneapolis, Minn. [tf]

4084 all diff. Postage stamps in fine condition, mounted in Scott's 2 vol. albums. Sent postfree at \$80.00. E. H. GAMMANS, JR., 450 3rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y. [76]

Persia Nos. 383 to 392 unused (14.35), \$2.95 John M. Long, 87 Pub. Sq., Watertown, N. Y. [tf]

Bosnia 1910, 1h-10h, 6 var., .20 net Bosnia 1906, 1h to 50h, 13 var., .35 net 100 Fine French Colonies, .85 net JOS. D. AMEY, 2304 N. 21 St., Phila., Pa. [tf]

*Mex., 1, 2, 5, 10, of the \$ sign surch., .10 *1, 2, 3, Mex. Denver issue free to beginners applying for my 50% discount approvals during the month of June. GLENN R. KNIGHT, Box 740, Sherman, Calif.

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GEO. J. CARTER, 265 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Some time ago, we mentioned a party by the name of Easton, concerning whom a complaint had been filed in the WEEKLY. Can any dealer give us any information as to whether the claim referred to has been settled? His residence was Butte, Montana.

—Ely Marks, the manager of the Marks Stamp Co., has recently been operated upon at a Toronto hospital and while convalescent, it will be some days before he will be able to give his attention to business. He asks the consideration of his customers for any apparent inattention to correspondence.

—We allow the Parker advertisement to go in this week with a 60% display line for the reason that he indicates the particular stamps that he offers at this discount. This comes within the new rule laid down by the management of the WEEKLY.

—Herman Schmidt, 60 Nassau St., N. Y. City, has had unsatisfactory dealings with R. F. Robinson, Winnipeg, Can. He would like to hear from interested parties.

—President Kissinger of the S. P. A. leaves June 18th for a 38 day trip to the Pacific Coast. On his trip, he means to visit many of his old time friends and make many more.

—"Hearty greetings! to the WEEKLY. Long may it prosper, and may it continue to have all the success it deserves! Which latter is not meant in an equivocal manner—it deserves the best ever. I'm sorry I've been so belated with copy the last weeks—it is a desperately busy spring with me, business-wise and otherwise, and I never seem to have the necessary punch to write copy. I'll have to engage a manager, though I hesitate to do so, when someone wrote recently:—"I seem to note a man's fine hand in your advertising." Now, what is a poor woman to do? All I can say is, 'Tis a poor thing, but mine own!" —LOUISE W. KELLOGG.

—L. A. Beebe submits a specimen of the 1861 Sardinia newspaper stamp, 1c black, with the numeral of value in a double invert.

The Postal Card Society of America.

S. SCHACHNE, Pres.; W. C. STONE, Vice Pres.; S. M. EDWARDS, Sec., 1932 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., Pa.; J. N. MORSE, Treas.; Ex. Com. Pres. and Vice Pres. ex officio, H. E. CARPENTER, J. H. FOUNTAIN, G. W. HARTWELL.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dues received since March 31st from Nos. 57, 203, 114, 129 and 223, total, \$4.00. The secretary is glad to learn and announce that Mr. Noundorf, No. 223, has not been drawn into the armed conflict in Europe.

Change of address:—The secretary to 1932 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., Pa., owing to this change, this report is a few days late, for which the secretary apologizes. S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

PHILA., PA., May 12, 1915.

If you like to receive clean attractive approvals with bargains on them send today for mine. You can fill scores of spaces in that album of yours at a small cost. H. W. LITTELL, Rock Island, Ill. [eow2]

600 all diff. stamps mounted in album, cat. over \$15.00, only \$2.35. 200 diff., 15c; 100 diff., 8c. Big bargains in our net approvals at 1/2c to 3c each. J. C. MATTHEWS, Linden, Wash.

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

DISCOUNTS.

The recent ruling of this paper in regard to advertisements featuring approvals at a greater discount than 50% has caused considerable discussion. This subject of discounts is one seldom understood by the beginner and often misunderstood by the advanced collector.

Many dealers have resorted to the practice of advertising 70% and 75% discount approvals, and when the collector writes for same, expecting to get at least a fair selection of stamps, he receives one or two poorly prepared sheets of trash, together with a few better grade stamps marked at 50%, or even 25%, and a note explaining that "the company believed he would be interested in a better selection." As a result, the collector feels that he has been tricked, and becomes suspicious of all dealers. Such methods bring the dealer no results, and are harmful to the trade as a whole.

From the character of certain advertisements, the uninformed collector would assume that he could purchase perfection U. S., Colonials, and rare stamps at these discounts. Therefore, he reasons that dealers asking higher prices are trying to rob him. It is a fact, as nearly all collectors will testify, that perfection U. S. are bringing in some instances considerably more than catalogue prices, and that practically all of the early issues are bringing full catalogue or a very slight discount.

If your grocer placed a sign in his window, selling eggs at 25c a dozen, and when you asked him for a dozen, told you they were rotten but that he had some better ones for 36c, how long would you trade with him? Yet, a stamp dealer can advertise approvals at 70% and 75% from catalogue, giving the impression that he can supply anything in fine condition in the early rarities, and in replying to his customers, sends out a mess of trash at 75% and some better sheets at 50%, usually containing stamps sold at 60% by other dealers, gets away with it, and gains the name of being an honest and low-priced dealer.

Some stamps are too high at 75% off catalogue, while others are worth many times catalogue. A certain Eastern firm recently offered me \$2,000. catalogue value of certain Nicaraguans for \$175. cash. I could have sold them for \$500. and yet allowed the 75% off catalogue. On the other hand, I have paid half catalogue for the 12c Chile 1910-11 issues, wholesale, and have sold my entire supply at catalogue.

In arranging a selection of stamps of one country, it is almost impossible to fairly mark them by a fixed discount. Take for instance the 20th Century Chile issues. The 1905-9 issue can be had in quantity at discounts wholesale of 80% or 85%, with the exception of the 3c, 12c, 30c and 1 peso. The 3c usually brings 50c to 65c a hundred. The 12c, which was "suppressed" sells for 25c each, while the 30c in quantity brings about \$2.00 per hundred. The Peso, which appears to be quite scarce, wholesales at \$2.00 and retails at \$2.50 to \$3.00. From the above figures, you will readily see how impossible it is to mark stamps at a fixed discount. When the Peso lists at \$3.50 and wholesales at \$2.00, or over half catalogue, how can you expect to buy it at 50% off, or \$1.75, being 25c less than wholesale? Result: You do not find these scarce stamps in the selections.

Using the "net" system of pricing, the dealer can include all stamps, and mark them justly. If the 12c costs him 25c, let him mark it at 50c. If the 50c listing at 6c costs him 1c each, let him mark it at 2c, etc. Pricing the stamps at their actual cash value, regardless of discount or catalogue value, is far more satisfactory to the collector who appreciates a fine selection, and is anxious to

locate the scarce values. By this system, if a stamp is actually worth but 25% of catalogue, and the dealer can sell it at that rate and make a profit, he can price it at its actual value and thus not overcharge the collector.

Many collectors appear to be afraid of a dealer advertising "net" approvals. The word "net" does not signify that the dealer prices his goods at full catalogue, but simply that he does not allow a discount from his own prices. It is a well-known rule of philately that stamps purchased at full catalogue are usually worth more in proportion than stamps purchased at 75% off. It is generally the kind sold at the great discount that decreases in the next catalogue, not the ones that are so scarce that they command full catalogue. The latter are usually the ones that increase in value first. Of course, the collector must be sure that the stamp in question is really worth the money. To buy successfully in stamps, as in every other line, the purchaser must know his goods. I am not advising collectors to purchase from dealers the stamps worth 75% off, and pay 10% off for them, as sometimes asked. True, these dealers who send out complete and expensive selections are entitled to charge more in proportion for their goods, as their selections represent a greater outlay of money and more time than the cheap selections thrown together by the less careful dealer.

As a rule, collectors start the hobby in their younger days. Among the boys it has long been the custom to get approval sheets from dealers, and after selling the stamps to other collectors, keep half the money as commission. Hence the 50% discount habit. However, probably not one collector in a hundred depends on selling from approvals to make money, and many collectors who do sell to their friends allow the buyers the discount. Therefore, the custom of allowing a large discount is outgrown and should be abolished. It matters not whether a collector buys a stamp at 4c less 50% or 2c, or whether he buys it at 2c without any discount, and does not bother to do the necessary mathematics.

In summing up this matter of discount, let us call attention to the fact that it is not the discount that is of importance, but the actual amount charged for the stamps. Therefore, collectors will find that the reputable dealer selling at net prices will often give better service and satisfaction in the end than the dealer who sells at a big discount, sells damaged goods, looks to the grasping of every penny for his profits, and must "slip things over" in order to stay in the game. Learn your values, and discount will be of no consequence.

ATTENTION, KANSAS CITY COLLECTORS.

The writer will be in Kansas City for a few weeks shortly after June 1st, and desires very much to make the acquaintance of collectors and dealers located in that vicinity. This is a pleasure trip for me, solely, and I am neither anxious to buy or sell stamps. Please address me c/o O. P. Bloss, 3527 Highland Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

As explained a few weeks ago, I cannot answer correspondence, either privately or through the paper, so will thank collectors to keep all other matters until my return to Chicago in the fall.

BILL BLOSS.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

P. R.—Your Philippine 1c stamp with broken "L" seems to be in little demand, and does not seem to be particularly scarce, so I doubt if you could get anything extra for it.

W. G. H.—Your Venezuela No. 144, surcharged "1900" and "Fama de Cuba"

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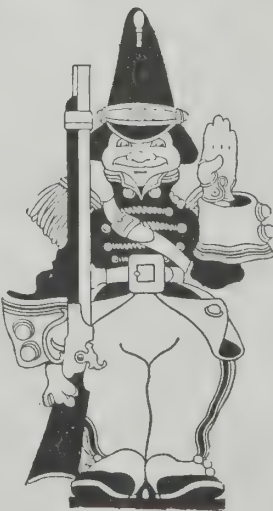
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is a new one on me. Can any reader enlighten us. The 1c and 2c are the only values that were rouletted.

P. N. D.—Your Spitzbergen label is not a stamp at all, but is one of a number of bogus labels gotten up to defraud collectors. It has no value.

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1912, \$1 fine copy	.40	.13
1912, P. P. 75c very fine copy	.85	.39
1912, P. P. 75c very good copy	.85	.22
1912, P. P. \$1 very fine copy	1.00	.44
1912, P. P. \$1 very good copy	1.00	.29
1879, War Dept. 3c mint	.10	.03
1879, War Dept. 6c mint	.10	.03
1879, War Dept. 12c mint	.35	.12
1895, Periodicals 1c to 100 dollars comp. without gum	2.49	
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1912, P. Post Dues 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c complete fine	1.23	.42
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* Chile 1911, 15c violet & blk., mint	.15	.05
1911, 20c orange & blk., mint	.12	.04
1912, 2 & 4c, both mint	.06	.02
Austria, 1908-13, "Postage Due" 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 20, 30, 50, 100h carmine, 9 varieties	.25	.08
Bolivia, 1912, "Provisional" 2c grn. No. 98, 5c orange No. 100 and 10c on 1c blue No. 101, three scarce stamps	.21	.10
Brazil, 1913, 1000r deep grn. No. 191	.10	.03
Canada, "12, 50c brn., "King Geo." 15c	.15	.05
Canada, "Postage Due" 1906, 1, 2, and 5c	.09	.03
*Canada War Tax (postage), 1 and 2c mint, scarce, the two for	.06	
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Dom. Rep. 1915, Provis. 1/2 on 20c, 1, 2, 5c, 4 var.	.20	
* Costa Rica 1901, 1c to 10 colonos 9 var. mint & fine	17.33	2.85
* 1907, 20-25-50c, 1 & 2col mint and fine	3.95	1.15
* Crete (Russian) 1899, 1m 1gr & 2gr, 9 varieties (Nos. 324 to 334) very cheap set	4.60	.80
* Dutch Indies, 1911, Official, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5 & 10c, 5 var. "Dienst" Inverted, scarce (Yvert & Tellier, \$11.50)	11.50	2.75
* Dutch Indies, 1911, Official, 15c chocolate, "Dienst" Inverted very scarce, Yvert & Tellier	3.50	.98
* Dutch Indies, 1911, Official, 10c red brown, surcharged "D" inverted, very scarce, Yvert & Tellier	2.50	.78
All of above 7 scarce errors only	17.50	3.55
* Ecuador, 1909, 20c dk. blue, No. 863c	2.50	.23
Egypt, Soudan, 1902-08, 5pia grn. & brown No. 625, fine copy	.40	.12
* Egypt, 1913, 5m carmine, Official, "O. H. H. S." No. 209, a rare stamp (see Scott's monthly circular for Feb'y)	.75	.22
Egypt, 1913, Same stamp, used	1.00	.30
* German Morocco, 1905, 5 on 5pi grn., "Error" No. 721a (only one day in use) A Rare Stamp, Very Cheap	1.50	.19
Hayti, 50 different, all used very fine collection, catalogued high, old and new issues, at the very special price of	.96	
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* Official 1915, \$0.20 on 50c brn (Type A15) rare stamp mint	.75	
* Official 1915, 1p gray green, rare, mint	.65	
* Official 1911, 50c brown, red surcharge, mint	.35	.18
* Official 1911, 50c brown black surcharge, mint, scarce	.55	
* Official 1911, 1p green, scarce	.50	.25
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Liberia, 1906, 1c to 75c complete, very beautiful set 10 vars.	4.47	1.25
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Liberia, 1909, 1-75c complete, 10 beautiful varieties	3.61	.89
Liberia, 1909, 1-75c comp. officials, 10 beautiful varieties	3.65	.89
Liberia, 1909, Both of above sets, 20 splendid vars., a bargain	7.26	1.59

Hungary, 1904-07, 1 filler to 2 kronen blue, 15 vars.	.22	.07
Hungary, 1900, 3kr sea grn., No. 59	.10	.04
Mexico, 1910, 50c, 1 and 5 pesos, very beautiful lightly cancelled copies	4.75	.96
Mexico, 1914, one-half of 10c used as 5c, on Original Envelope	.10	
Mexico, 1914, one-half of 20c brn. used as 10c, on Envelope	.15	
The last two Provisionals when bought together	.20	
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* Nicaragua, 1891, Wrappers, 1, 2, 4c green, 4 var., cpl.	.12	.03
* Nicaragua, 1892, Envelopes 5, 10, 20, 30, 50c, complete	.35	.08
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* All of above envs. & wrappers only	1.46	.30
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Rhodesia (fiscally cancelled) fine cheap space fillers.		
1896, 1sh green & blue (No. 33)	.25	.08
1896, 2sh green & dark blue (No. 34)	.75	.22
1896, 2sh 6p brown & violet, (No. 35)	.85	.24
1896, 5sh red & grn. (No. 38)	1.25	.29
1910, 1sh grn. & blk. (No. 111)	.40	.15
1913, (King Geo.) 6d (No. 126)	.20	.05
1913, (King Geo.) 1sh (No. 129)	.40	.12
1913, (King Geo.) 2sh (No. 130)	.75	.25
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* Philippine Islands, 1880 to 1892, 2c, 2 1/2, 5c, 2 1/2, 4/8 on 1/2c, 2c and 2 1/2, 8c; 1890, 2c, 2c blue, 2c violet, 2 1/2, 4/8 blue, 2 1/2, 4/8 gray, 5c, 10c, 12 1/2, 4/8 green and 12 1/2, 4/8 salmon, 15 Splendid Vars., all unused and in good condition. Cat. Value is	.91	.18
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Roumania, Charity, 1911, "Angel" 3, 5, 10 & 15b, scarce set	.20	.10
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* Salvador, 1914, Official, Provisional, Type set, odd appearing set of stamps, 2c-100c cpl.	.45	
* Salvador, 1915, Official, 2c green, current issue	.08	
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1908-09, 13c blue green	.15
50c pale violet	.15
1.00 purple brown	.25
1912, 50c pale violet	.10
1.00 violet brown	.25
1912-13, Panama Pacific, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c orange and 10c yellow, set	.12
Parcel Post, 50c carmine	.20
75c carmine	.50
1.00 carmine	.60
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

It was not until after the battle of Sedan that a German post was established in the occupied territories. The first decree relating to this service was published in the *Official Gazette* for September 6th, 1870, and it would appear that the stamps were all ready for use for specimens cancelled Sept. 6th are known. The decree dealt with the routes over which mail could be sent and the rates of postage to and from Germany. Single letters (weighing up to ½ oz.), cost 10 centimes, when sent to Germany, and 1gr or 3kr when sent from Germany. As the groschen was worth 10 pfennig and 10 centimes only 8 pfennig, the French service had the benefit of cheaper postage. For heavier letters, newspapers, and registered letters the rates were more uniform. The following extract from the official decree relating to the stamps themselves is of interest:—

"For the prepayment of all letters, etc., from the district of the Postal Administration of Nancy, new stamps have to be used bearing the inscription POSTES and the values in centimes. Stamps will be issued as follows:

- 1 centime, light green impression on white paper.
- 2 centimes, dark brown impression on white paper.
- 4 centimes, grey impression on white paper.
- 10 centimes, light brown impression on white paper.
- 20 centimes, blue impression on white paper.

Letters franked with other stamps than the above will be treated as not franked."

Evidently most if not all of the values mentioned in the above decree were issued in September. Two new values—5 and 25 centimes were added to the set later but, curiously enough, no decree relating to their issue has ever been found. It is presumed they were on sale about the middle of December, 1870.

The design is unpretentious in the extreme. It consists simply of a rectangular frame, nearly 2 mm. wide, enclosing large numerals of value in the cen-

tre with POSTES above and CENTIMES below. This design was set up from ordinary printer's type to make a plate of 150 impressions in 15 horizontal rows of ten each. The thick frame lines separated the stamps horizontally and vertically—that is one thick line separated each two stamps so that each design did not have its own individual frame. From the settings-up stereoplates were made from which the stamps were printed. Although the type was set by hand, remarkable uniformity was obtained and varieties are few. There are three distinct types of the 4c, viz.:—

- A.—The foot of the 4 is over the IM of CENTIMES.
- B.—The foot of the 4 is further to the left hand and is above TIM.
- C.—The foot of the 4 is still further to the left and is above TI.

There are also two varieties of the 10c, viz.:—

- A.—The foot of the 1 is over the N of CENTIMES.
- B.—The foot of the 1 is further to the left and above the letters EN.

Whether the above occurred in the same setting or represents distinct settings of the type, I cannot say.

The design being so simple it was necessary to have some addition which would render illicit imitation difficult. It was therefore decided to make use of the plate which had done duty in providing the stamps of the North German Confederation with invisible network only in the case of these Alsace Lorraine stamps the network was printed in color, the colors for the several denominations corresponding to those used for the designs. Normally the points of the network point upwards but in some cases the sheets were used wrong way up so that errors with points of network turned downwards are found.

Scott's catalogue lists the 10c without network though I have been unable to discover any information regarding this. The other catalogued variety—the 20c with blue and yellow network—was first discovered in 1902. I quote from the *Monthly Circular* for April of that year:—

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Reference List.

1870. Perf. 13 1/2 by 14.

- 1c olive green, Scott's No. 83.
- 2c red brown, Scott's No. 84 or 84a.
- 4c grey, Scott's No. 85.
- 5c yellow green, Scott's No. 86 or 86a.
- 10c pale brown, Scott's No. 87 or 87a.
- 20c ultramarine, Scott's No. 88.
- 25c brown, Scott's No. 89 or 89a.

REPRINTS.

In May, 1885, the *Philatelic Record* published the following paragraph:

We have been somewhat astonished of late at the numerous offers we have had of the sets of these stamps, spick and span-new, with *burélage* inverted. Some of the values, especially the 5 centimes, used to be extremely scarce, especially unused; and yet we hear of complete sets being offered on all sides at prices less than moderate. Now the mystery is solved; the newcomers are reprints, or more properly imitations. From *Der Philatelist* we learn that they have been done at the Imperial German Printing Office to the order of a Hamburg stamp dealer. Those dear Hamburgers! Upon close examination they may easily be distinguished from the originals. In the first place the network, notably on the 10 and 20 centimes, is bolder and more distinct. The word POSTES is a trifle larger, and the letters composing it somewhat thinner. The colors are fairly well imitated, except on the 20c, which is printed in a different shade to any of the old issue. The perforation is exactly copied. As these stamps vary in certain respects from the originals, they are, like the so-called reprints of the first issue of Wurtemberg and certain of the United States stamps, Government forgeries, and are of the slenderest philatelic interest.

These reprints are quite easily told the best test being that given in the catalogues. In the reprints the P of POSTES is only 2 1/2 mm. from the left hand border whereas in the originals the distance is at least 3 mm.

In addition to these well-known Government forgeries Mr. G. B. Duerst mentions two others which are rather dangerous, viz.:

In 1893 another forgery was announced, and was said to come from Brussels. The reversed net and dull colors are well imitated but the word POSTES measures 13 mm. in length, and the perforation is 13 1/2 all round instead of 13 1/2 by 14. A very good forgery was also made in Paris. The net and the design look well, and are apt to deceive collectors at a first glance, but here also the perforation of 13 1/2 all round condemns them. This forgery is also found obliterated.

IN THE BOOK LINE.

If any of our subscribers have any particularly choice things in the stamps of Egypt, either on or off cover, we shall be very pleased to secure photographs for use in connection with a book on Egypt which will ultimately be issued by the WEEKLY. It will be printed in instalments and will be commenced immediately. It will be written by R. E. R. Dalwick and we expect to make it an authoritative work on the stamps of this country. If you have any varieties of Egypt stamps worthy of illustration we shall gladly recognize the coöperation that may be extended.

Handbook No. 10 will no doubt be "United States Department Stamps" by F. E. Goodwin. The book will contain much useful information and we shall no doubt be able to publish it for the small sum of 10c.

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The work "United States State Revenues" by F. L. Applegate is moving along slowly. The author is a painstaking writer and it will no doubt be some months before this work is completed.

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St. Kitts	1903, 2 1/2p blue and black.....	.75
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EDITORIAL.

Proof—We have been too busy to speak of the stamp market in relation to the unprecedented conditions at present in the world at large. In fact, if it were not that those who do not participate actively in philately are inclined to ask if the pursuit is not suffering in various ways by reason of the world's unrest, it is likely that the subject would be given no consideration. Only when times are slack does the stamp writer of his own accord moralize upon the aspects of philately in an abstract sense and as has been said, so briskly has the stamp season proceeded that discussions of the kind have not been inspired. It is natural that those removed from the circles of the pursuit express a curiosity to know how the hobby fares under the stress of the times and to them we say that philately is holding its own in this country, if it is not doing more than that. It would be wrong to suppose that no harm has been done, as in individual cases, injury has been sustained but in a broad, national way, the accelerated growth of stamp interest has neutralized any tendencies to halt or languish. We attribute this wholesome condition to the advertising campaigns that have been pressed for some years past and which are now having their cumulative effect; the seeds that were sown so intelligently are having their fullest fruitage. Philately is growing sturdier all the time and as a recreation and inspiration it is filling a larger place; and without wishing to indulge in flamboyant phrase, the darker the worldly conditions are, the more inviting does the restful sanctuary of philately become. However, we do not rest our case on words; last week's issue furnished the proof of the present healthful condition.

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A Memento—An envelope has been shown us by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer with an interesting cancellation as we may call it for the sake of description. On an envelope bearing a Washington postmark and the three cent red of 1861 is the additional impression in postmark form in black: "Central Office, U. S.

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Sanitary Commission, Washington, D. C. We do not attach any postal significance to the impression which was probably the "official" advertising stamp of the commission, whose national headquarters were at Washington.

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Philatelic Bit—In a recent number of the *Docket*, a journal for the legal profession, sent us by Mr. W. E. Marsh, we find a bright little article by W. H. Hamel, "Collector of War Tax Stamps," with the head: "The \$1,000 Revenue Stamp—Have You Used One Yet?" Here is a case of "helping philately" that must have practical results.

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The Best Explanation—In answer to our inquiry as to the occasion for the use of the two dollar "wines and cordials" revenue stamps, Mr. Leonard F. Garbaccio gives the following interesting details: "Having read your editorials on the \$2 wines and cordials stamps and that you would like to know how they are used, I shall try to give an explanation. The manufacturer of wines and cordials does not have to pay the tax on wines or cordials that are sold to the retailer by him but when the retailer sells a pint or a barrel of the wine or cordial to the consumer, he has to attach the stamp to the container. In all probability you do not know that many of the French and northern Italian people living in this country drink nothing but wine with all their meals in the manner that other people drink tea and coffee and when they buy wine, they generally buy a barrel at a time; and as each barrel contains from fifty to fifty-three gallons, the need of a two dollar stamp becomes evident." The explanation submitted by Mr. Garbaccio, is the best of several that we have received and conforms with that furnished by the revenue commissioners. Still, we are of the opinion that the last word has not been said about the use of the stamp in question and we are hopeful that further particulars will soon be reported so that we may relay them to readers. Those who are interested in this stamp might read our remarks editorially in the issue of May 15th, if they have not already done so.

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Canada's War Tax—Our second assistant postmaster general has issued the notice that "postmasters and other postal officials" should acquaint themselves with the provisions of Canada's war tax as relating to the use of the stamps. The Canadian postal authorities have decided to permit the use of the war tax stamps and the regular postage stamps interchangeably and as a result we have postage stamps good for revenue purposes and revenue stamps valid for postage. Postmasters in this country are enjoined to "cause any article which is tendered for mailing at their offices obviously with the intention to evade the higher postage rate applicable to it in Canada to be refused unless fully prepaid at said higher Canadian rate." Elsewhere we print the official notice of the method of use of Canada's one and two cent "war tax" stamps.

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Advertising Cancellations—On letters from the Bahamas we find cancellations advertising the attractions of that "most salubrious spot" as a resort for tourists. There are several varieties of the markings which are rectangular in form and have the wording in three lines: "Have you been to Nassau, Bahamas? If not, Why not?" and "Come to Nassau, Bahamas, Ideal Tourist Resort," respectively. On some of the envelopes the

inscription is used as an obliteration for the stamp. This idea is somewhat in advance of the postmark plan and seems a bit contrary to the conservative traditions that prevail in the departments of the British colonial postmasters; and in fact if this distinctively American style of advertising is improved upon, we shall find our stamps canceled perhaps with: "Hit the High Spots at Raratonga" and "Night is turned into day at Reykjavik."

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Censor Marks—We are indebted to several correspondents for packages of censored envelopes. Russian covers are coming with a rubber stamp inscription as well as the printed label of censorship in three languages. In this connection our attention is called to an "error" on one of the envelopes as it has been described to us in which the diacritical marks over "Oppnats" the two dots are enclosed within the "O." A French marking rubber-stamped on a label, reads: "Ouvert par l'autorité militaire." German letters from Belgium bear "Feldpost" markings and there are "Landsturm" postmarks on others.

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Gentlemen, Be Calm—The following clipping has reached us as having been published originally in the *Moosomin (Saskatchewan) World-Spectator*: "When we referred to the mammoth paper at Esterhazy as a 'post card' we intended it for a compliment. Now the editor - roller-washer - compositor-blacksmith, office 'devil,' etc., who presides over office scissors and paste-pot is insulted and has become real nawsty. What will he say when we call it by its true name, the 'Post Stamp,' and not even a war stamp at that? We should worry!" The philatelic imagination of the editor we have quoted is what appeals to us and we take it that his verbal onslaughts mixed with stamp metaphor and stamp similes will play havoc in the camp of his dazed contemporary.

IT STANDS CORRECTED.

Mr. Frank L. Applegate calls our attention to three corrections which should be made in his Nevada State Revenue article and we quote from his letter just at hand:—

In referring to the watermark appearing on the Nevada revenues, the text as published, says, "Some of the imperforate stamps," etc. This is very misleading, as it should read, "Some of the rouletted stamps," etc. In reference to the stamp printed on checks, I should have said, "The die is identical with the double star 2c Nevada," where in the text as published I am made to say the "Single star," etc. In the last paragraph of the article where the reading refers to the "4c, 5c dull green, 50c on thick paper and \$5.00 stamp"; it should read "\$5.00 imperforate stamp."

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—Geo. Gandenberger, Jr., formerly at 291 Railroad Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., has opened an office at 83 Nassau St., where he will hope to meet his many old customers and make other new ones. Collectors in and around New York City should note his offerings each week and call upon him at his new place of business. Mr. Gandenberger would like to hear from dealers who are interested in Horace Ingles, formerly 1929 Grant St., Fresno, Cal., Glenn B. Fretz, 1102 N. St. Francis, Wichita, Kans., and Wm. Stolz, 1122 Forest Ave., N. Y. City. Mr. Gandenberger's advertisements will be found regularly each week on our editorial page.

—A valued subscriber calls our attention to an advertiser who has ignored two communications addressed the firm on business matters. He writes "Twice in the past I have replied to the advertisements of this stamp firm but have never had any sort of reply. On April 26 I wrote saying that in response to their adv. concerning new issues service I wished to take up Central and South America at the same time referring to my New York bankers. I have never had a reply at all. What is the reason? Why do they advertise if they do not want business?" This is, indeed, a curious situation. Can dealers be so short-sighted that they advertise for patronage only to spurn the business that results? Common courtesy at least calls for the proper recognition of a letter received, even though the firm is unable to make good.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Grant L. Paul.

—New York is mourning the loss of Charles Gregory, who died on May 20. He was an active collector, one of the oldest members of the American Philatelic Society and one of the founders of the Collectors' Club. He will be missed by a large circle of business friends and acquaintances.

—Charles H. Stone sends us a clipping from the *Paper Trade Journal* giving the particulars of the merging of the Mercantile and Middle West Companies, who were competitors for the Government's stamped envelope contract. The business will be continued under the title of the latter concern, which will fill the big order necessary to meet the probable consumption of the next four years of envelopes and newspaper wrappers. The plant at Dayton, Ohio, will be a busy place.

—"Of the three white back stamps sent to the Islands in November, 1913, but one remains on sale. The 3d was exhausted within 9 months after it was put on sale, and the 10s lasted but a year and a half. Only one consignment of these white back stamps was sent out, and the numbers were small. Of the 10s, 2520 were printed—42 panes of 60 each. And yet the 3000, 10s Edward, Postage & Revenue, on single watermark paper, issued in 1908, lasted over six years. In fact, it is even now on sale at George Town, concurrently with the 10s Georg."—HARRY E. HUBER.

—Minneapolis collectors are out for the S. P. A. Convention for 1916 and ask all S. P. A. members in making out their proxy to instruct for Minneapolis in 1916.

—"A letter just received from Jamaica has such an odd cancellation, I believe a note concerning it will interest collectors of British colonials. The cover bears a 2 1/2 stamp cancelled in purple ink, in the usual circular form—"Street Letter Box, Montego Bay." In the middle of the circle and right across

the center of the stamp is hand-written in black ink "May 14" and below is a "15" in purple ink, a part of the circular cancellation. Now the important point about this whole cancellation is that if the stamp were removed from the cover, it would be difficult to convince any collector that it was not *revenue cancelled*. I receive a good many letters from Montego Bay and this is the first cancellation of the kind I have ever seen."—HUBERT LYMAN CLARK.

—L. A. Beebe sends for our inspection a pair of the 10c 1904 Colombian Republic, Scott's No. 353, which is imperforate between vertically. This variety is not mentioned in the catalog, though it may have been previously listed in the philatelic press.

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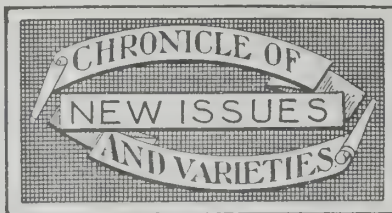
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AUSTRIA—J. M. Bartels & Co. have shown us the new Austrian War Stamps recently announced. All are in a single color, are printed on white, unwatermarked paper and perforated 12½. The shape is a horizontal oblong, the design of the frame being similar to that of the low values of the 1908 set. The figures of value appear in colorless tablets in the lower corners, the word "heller" being arranged as in the older set but divided by a small colored circle, containing a figure "2" for the 3h, 5h, and 10h values and "3" for the 20h and 35h values. This marks the addition made to the face value for charity. "Kaiserliche Konigliche Osterreichische Poste" is grouped around the central oval, containing a different picture for each value, as follows: 3h, soldiers in the trenches, firing on the enemy; 5h, cavalry on the march; 10h, siege howitzer in action; 20h, battleship in action; 35h, aeroplane.

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10h carmine.
20h slate.
35h ultramarine.

Otto Weismann also reports these stamps; and also says that the Bosnian stamps overprinted "K. u. K. Feldpost" are for use in the parts of Russian Poland occupied by the Austrian armies. The values overprinted are 1h, 2h, 3h, 5h, 6h, 10h, 12h, 20h, 25h and 60h postage stamps and 5h post card.

BELGIUM—The *London Telegraph* gives the following particulars regarding proposed Belgian postal issues. First comes the new Red Cross issue, which this time will consist of four stamps, 5 centimes green, 10 centimes red, 15 centimes brown, and 20 centimes blue. They will be printed from recess-plates, and will be of finer workmanship than the stamps of the Red Cross already issued for Belgium. Each stamp will bear portraits in medallions of the King and Queen of the Belgians, but they will be quite unlike the spurious stamps with the two portraits which were sold in Holland last November. They will be ready about May 15, and will be sold at double the face value. The face value represents the postal value of the stamps which are available for postage in the Belgian community at Ste. Adresse, Havre, and in the parts of Belgium not invaded by the enemy, and in the curiously situated community of Baarle-Duc, which, though not in Belgium, but in Holland, is yet part of Belgium. A million sets of these stamps have been ordered.

The current ordinary Belgian stamps have to be changed. With the German invasion many postoffices have fallen into the hands of the invaders, and they have helped themselves to the stocks of stamps, among other things, and quantities of current Belgian stamps have been sold at considerable discounts in neutral countries and in Germany. Such stamps, having been looted, represent no revenue to the Belgian Government and there will be no alternative for that Government but to demonetise them. These considerations have led the Minister of Posts to prepare a new set of stamps, which will not be issued to the public, however, for postal use until Belgium is a free country once again. But the stamps are even now in course of preparation. There will be fourteen denominations, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 40, 50 centimes, 1, 2, 5, and 10 francs. The low values (up to and including the 25 centimes) will be typographed in

a small ordinary stamp size and will portray King Albert.

The next three denominations will be of slightly larger size, and, in common with all the values above 25c, will be printed from plates engraved in recess. The 35c will show the Cloth Hall of Ypres, after the visit of the Germans, the 40c will depict the College of Dinant and surrounding landscape after the invasion, and the 50c will show what the Germans did to the University of Louvain.

Then there are some special designs for the franc values, which are to be of still larger size. The freeing of the Scheldt in 1862 is to be symbolised on the 1f, as the most important economic event in the modern history of Belgium. The annexation of the Congo is the subject of the vignette on the 2f, and the Great War forms the subject of the 5f picture. On this stamp King Albert is depicted presenting the Belgian flag to his Army on the steps of the Town Hall of Furnes. On the 10f will be portrayed the three kings of Belgium, the two Leopolds and the present King Albert.

BULGARIA—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the new postage due stamps as noted in No. 1273, and we find that the values are expressed in stotinka instead of leve. The design is 19x26 mm., and the stamps are printed on pelure paper. There is also a 50s value, which we have not yet seen. The *London Telegraph* says that a new set of regular postage stamps is being prepared by Petiti & Co. of Rome, and that the 5s, 10s and 25s values have already been delivered to the postal authorities at Sofia.

Postage Due Adhesives.

10s violet.
20s carmine.
30s blue.

CANADA—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred informs us that the new 5c Inland Revenue War Tax stamp has been issued in the same design as the 1c orange, 2c brown and 10c olive green, previously noted. The color is olive yellow. The Quebec Law stamps, with inscriptions in both French and English are now issued in a full set, the \$3 green being the last one issued.

Revenue Stamps.

Inland Revenue War Tax stamp.
5c olive yellow.
Quebec Law stamps, inscriptions in two languages.

10c blue green.
20c dark blue.
30c vermilion.
40c brown.
50c black.
60c olive green.
70c yellow brown.
80c seal brown.
90c red brown.
\$1 scarlet.
\$2 violet.
\$3 green.
\$4 deep olive.
\$5 blue.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—A. W. Dunning reports a new official set for this Republic, approximately the same size as the current Nicaragua set, and all printed in the same color. The stamps are a large oblong, with "Independencia" in a curved label at the top, figures of value in the upper left and lower right, and the value in words across the bottom. The main portion of the stamp is taken up with three ovals, containing portraits of Duarte, Sanchez and Mella.

Adhesives.

1c apple green.
5c apple green.
10c apple green.
20c apple green.
25c apple green.
50c apple green.
1p apple green.

GERMANY—*Offices in Russian Poland*.—Otto Weismann reports that the 3pf, 5pf, 10pf, 20pf, and 40pf German stamps have been overprinted "Russich Polen" for use in the parts of Russian Poland occupied by the German armies.

HONDURAS—A. W. Dunning reports having seen the new Official overprints, surcharges and errors noted last week. Unfortunately his letter arrived too late to be included in the notice.

LUXEMBURG—In 1912 the 87½c dark blue of Luxembourg was surcharged with a new value, 62½c, and it seems that this odd value has come into favor,

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as now the 2½r and 5fr values of the 1906 set have been surcharged in the same manner. Hermann Focke has shown us these stamps. We find that the surcharge is the same as that on Scott's No. 92, and in black on both stamps.

Provisional Adhesives.

"62½ cts." on 2½r vermilion.

"62½ cts." on 5fr claret.

MEXICO—Raymond Freshwater reports having seen some unchronicled varieties of the "Gobierno"—"Constitucionalista" stamps, including "C" for "G" of "Gobierno," "c" for first "o" of "Constitucionalista," and another with only the "\$" showing. Possibly the latter was due to poor inking.

NICARAGUA—A. W. Dunning reports having seen the new official set, the designs being the same as the regular postage set of 1914, but printed in pale blue, and overprinted "Oficial" in small condensed black capitals. Mr. Dunning has seen the 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 20c and 50c values and thinks all values of the regular Postage set exist in this official form. Scott's Circular adds the 1c, 4c, 15c and 25c values to the above.

Official Adhesives.

1c light blue.

2c light blue.

3c light blue.

4c light blue.

5c light blue.

6c light blue.

10c light blue.

15c light blue.

20c light blue.

25c light blue.

50c light blue.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES—Whitfield King & Co. inform us that the remainders of the 1902 provisionals of St. Thomas & Prince Islands have been overprinted "Republica," like the other colonies recently reported.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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The 336th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., was held on Tuesday evening, May 18, 1915, with 36 members present. The application of Mr. Albert Harrison Hall was posted. Mr. Nevin, who had investigated the subject reported that of the members canvassed 40% subscribed to magazines which were upon the library table, while only 26% subscribed to those which the Society did not receive, thus showing that it did not hurt a magazine's subscription list to have a copy where the members could see it free. Mr. Lyons won the contest for the 12 handsomest stamps exhibited, and Mr. Barrett won second prize.

F. W. STILES, Sec.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE MOTORCYCLE AND THE COWBOY.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The Heavenly Twins rode into the frontier town of Willow amid a cloud of dust for which they were in no wise responsible. It was one of those hot days of August when the mercury, lingering all too long around the 110° mark, was about to be cajoled into change by the aftermath of the rainless wind storm. This sand-storm always was followed by a cool wind which, as an old timer announced, "kem 'cross the mouth o' th' pit, but somehow hit a corner o' heaven before arrivin' on this yere earth." All of which, while perhaps not strictly orthodox, was very satisfying to the denizens of Willow.

All morning I had been sitting in front of the tent-house, trying to interest myself in the news of the philatelic world. The twins saved the rest of the day. Jimmy O. and Eddy Fyne had been christened the Heavenly Twins by a jeering cowboy who had found a prehistoric novel up in the bunkhouse. He said Jimmy and Eddy deserved the name, ever since they raised the other thing in the bar of the Frontier House the night before the town went dry.

Be it known, then: sixty-eight dollars' worth of glassware was demolished in as many seconds by the twins, for the reason, solitary and sole, that they had just sixty-eight dollars between them, which they had brought into town to spend in true cowboy style.

"Real money, too," declared Eddy, joyfully, as he paid it over.

I have seen some handy work with a gun, but Eddy, according to an eyewitness, had all records—and glassware—broken hopelessly. He shot with either hand, and with both hands; and then, with back toward the target and face toward the mirror. But, miracle of miracles, blindfolded, he did some fancy shooting that made one feel crawly. Among other stunts, Jimmy stood against a partition door, while Eddy made a silhouette of bullet-holes around his body. I have the souvenir at the shack, where interested tenderfoot gaze and gaze. Someone told the first-comer Eddy did it standing on his head—which fiction Eddy ignored.

"Me—I c'n shoot a hole in a barn door—if some one moves the door," declared Jimmy, as he rolled the inevitable cigarette and proceeded to reposition the whole of out-of-doors. "But Eddy—why, Eddy couldn't miss a mark if he was chokin' t' death."

Eddy grunted unhappily. He never approved the praise from the other Twin.

"You ought to see Jimmy rope!" broke in Eddy. Whereupon Jimmy immediately fell silent.

Jimmy picked up a philatelic paper. "My fav'rite readin'—the WEEKLY," declared Jimmy, as he buried his nose in the pages of the latest issue.

I went into the tenthouse. A few minutes later, when I returned, the twins were gone.

Shortly after their disappearance, the chug-chug of a passing motorcycle was accentuated by the poison of its gases which drifted with the breeze. The ensuing silence was broken by the return.

Then the calm of Willow mid-afternoon was broken by the jeers of the rider and the curses of cowboys intermingled with the pounding of hoofs and the snorts of frightened horses. I ran down the path. The motorcyclist was circling the Twins, whose horses were giving a fine exhibition of rearing, side-jumping, and bucking that would have been the joy of an Eastern boy's heart.

The town marshal sidled up to me. "Fun fer th' boys," he said, with a grin.

"Fun, nothing!" I replied, rather

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forcefully. "The fool will have them both killed yet."

The marshal laughed. Then a great light broke upon me. The cyclist had tried this stunt before—but not with the Twins. They had heard of it, undoubtedly, and the trip into Willow followed.

Things began to happen immediately. The Twins were holding their horses down, and getting ready their riatas. The cyclist sensed trouble, and swung into a straight run for safety. It was too late. Jimmy's arm swung. The rope soared, settled, and the cyclist went up Main street at the end of forty feet of riata and a loping horse, two blocks and return. Part of the time he dragged. When he recovered his feet to run, Jimmy spurred his horse and the cyclist made increasingly long leaps until he lost his footing and rolled in the dust.

Not to be outdone, Eddy roped the motorcycle. The engine was still running on slow. Eddy started down the street as Jimmy went up, forty feet of rope towing two hundred pounds of irate motorcycle.

The marshal and I leaned against each other and laughed ourselves sore, for the motorcycle, jerked upright, immediately began a pursuit of Eddy which several times threatened to be successful. And Eddy's horse! It sure missed every other high place. Eddy made a circle of the block, the motor dragging or pursuing, until a convenient telephone pole enabled the champion to encircle it, dismount, and tie.

Eddy looked reproachfully at the machine, now quiescent. Then he laughed and laughed some more.

"Oh Lordy! Plum' scared me nigh to death—an' ole pinto—he sure thought he war a goner!"

Jimmy, meantime, had paused long enough to enable his captive to shed the rope. The cyclist was a sight. His clothes were in rags, his face and hands bruised and bloody, but in his eyes the unquenched fires. He stood his machine against the telephone pole. Then, at my invitation, he came up the path to the tent-house to wash up, the Twins following at a discreet distance.

The Twins watched him get presentable. The bruises were only minor, but the clothes were a ruin.

The cyclist turned an observing eye upon the Twins. Then a slow grin broke over his face as he put out his hand.

"Say! honest! I am all kinds of a fool, aren't I? This time I got some sense dragged into me. Much obliged—I sure am!"

The Twins grinned and shook hands.

The cyclist stooped to pick up a little flat case which had fallen from the pocket of his ruined shirt. It opened. Three stamps fell out. He carefully gathered them out of the dust, and looked at them apprehensively. Jimmy's jaw fell. Eddy's did likewise. Their four eyes bulged.

"Gee! He's a collector!" began Jimmy.

"Fi' cents black—New York per-visionsals o' 45!" declared Eddy.

The cyclist opened his eyes several degrees. "Why—why—" he began.

"Yep," broke in Jimmy. "Both on us."

Then we sat down for a pow-wow. He was a middle-western boy out for his health in this land of sunshine. Yes, he had his collection with him. Yes, he'd bring it over. In fact, he'd go get it now out of his trunk at the Frontier House.

He looked expectantly at the two cow-punchers. They rose promptly. Just as the trio started down the path, Jimmy turned to me and said in his old whimsical way:

"Henceforth we'll be no more known as the Heavenly Twins, but the Three Musketeers."

I walked to the street in their wake. The three linked arms, the cyclist in the middle. They turned the corner and were lost to view. But of their further progress I was assured. Eddy's voice came back.

"An' that there other N' York—was it th' one wit' double line at bottom? I didn't quite see."

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. D. D.—If your unused pair of 3c 1851 is fully gummed and is not damaged in any way, I believe you can get close to catalogue for it, or \$3.00. A recent auction price was \$2.50. These pairs seem to be in demand. The same pair used on cover might be worth from 25c to 50c, depending upon the appearance of the cover, cancellation, etc. Green cancellations are worth much more than other colors.

H. R. S.—From your description of Porto Rico No. 60 imperforate with double impression one inverted, I should say that this stamp was printer's waste. The fact that it is imperforate and without gum is quite good evidence, as it is doubtful if a stamp with so many faults could escape detection and get in circulation. Doubtless, it would bring a small premium from a collector interested in this island, and it is certainly odd.

The 3c in the color of the 50c did not turn out to be a very scarce variety. I have purchased quite a number of these myself, and the colors of the two stamps were very close to each other at one period of printing.

A. J. G.—Isn't your stamp Austria No. 251. The Mexican stamp you illustrate is an official seal for letters opened by the post office or opened accidentally. Your drawing is remarkably well executed.

F. A. W.—Unless you had a correspondent at Havre to send you the Belgian stamps postmarked in that city, I doubt if you could get them. I do not believe the Post Office authorities would bother with a mail remittance, especially if your letter was not written in French. Why not write to one of the French dealers, who can no doubt supply these postmarked stamps? As far as I know, the entire Belgian set is used there.

H. W.—Your list will be used later. Thanks. The current ten piastres Turkey, lightly canceled, should be worth 25c at least. The two piastres is more commonly used and is only worth a few cents. I am not familiar with the new surcharge, but would not pay too much for it.

No parcel post stamp was issued on ribbed paper. This effect is caused in the process of printing the stamps and is not uncommon. Ribbed paper is manufactured that way, while your variety is plain paper given the ribbed effect after manufacture.

J. B.—I presume your U. S. with only one side perforated is a coil stamp. These are perforated at top and bottom or at each side. No doubt, your copy was trimmed on one side, leaving perforations on only one side. No stamps have been issued perforated on one side only, and they would not be practical in that shape.

G. S. B.—Your difficulty in putting values on stamps not priced, used or vice versa, is one that bothers every collector. Scott does not price, as a rule, stamps they have not in stock. This does not always imply that the stamp is scarcer used than unused, but simply that they have no definite information as to how to place a value. You will have to study these things out for yourself, I am afraid, and trade according to the cost of the stamps, or what you can get for them. Naturally, stamps from the small countries and out-of-the-way places are scarcer than those from Japan, etc., when current. As a rule, a 2sh 6d Nyasaland canceled is worth as much, or at least within 25% as much, as an unused copy. Japanese and other stamps used in quantities are not as good used as unused. New issues can always be priced unused, as they are obtainable that way long before stocks are offered in used condition. Some

collectors set a price of half unused on their used copies, which is usually quite fair.

A. E. M., Jr.—The 1897 Jubilee Issue of Canada was issued to commemorate the sixtieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria.

The Quebec or 1908 Jubilee issue commemorates the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Quebec. These stamps were placed on sale in the early summer of 1908. I do not know what month the 1897 issue was placed on sale.

The accented "C" and hair-line varieties of the current 2c are caused by defects in the plate.

All Canadian stamps since the Jubilee issue of 1897 were printed by the British-American Bank Note Company, at Ottawa. This concern is a branch of the American Bank Note Company, and still handles the manufacture of the stamps.

The 3c stamps of 1899 were overprinted 2c to comply with the reduction in rate from 3c to 2c for ordinary letters. At that time, there was an immense quantity of 3c stamps on hand, and few 2c, hence the surcharge to use up the supply of 3c.

The best authority on Canada stamps I know of is C. A. Howes' "Canada." This book is quite expensive, but is truly a masterpiece and worth the price to a thorough student of the country. It is published in De Luxe form with several full-page plates. Any New York or Boston dealer can supply it.

Miss H. A. L.—Your sheet of envelope stamps to illustrate size, color, etc., as distributed by the government to postmasters would really be classed as proofs. They are very interesting, but hard to sell and to place a value on. While these are proofs, they are different from the usual run of proofs.

R. B. M.—I believe my article of last week, on cancellations, answered your inquiry. If you get any "funny" U. S., let me hear from you.

J. B. P.—I suspect your 6d Western Australia grey is a chemical changeling, as purple does become grey under certain conditions. I never heard of a 6d grey stamp of this design.

C. C.—I believe your 3pf German current issue imperf. is a wrapper stamp cut square and used as an adhesive. These are not unknown in this condition. Submit it to an expert.

J. H. C.—I am sorry but I know less about State Revenues than you do, as I have never even seen some of them. I have always found straight postage a subject more than sufficient for me to master without dipping into the State revenues and locals. Read the WEEKLY series on state revenues.

R. W. H.—Your pair of Santander, No. 20, used, with error "Corceos" ought to be worth a dollar bill to a specialist, if postally used. Colombians are, unfortunately, not in great demand and usually sell at big discounts, though many are very scarce and should be more popular. Therefore, it is pretty hard to say what an unpriced item of this kind would be worth. Used copies of these things are very good property.

H. E. W.—I would suggest that you write to one of the big dealers who stock philatelic literature about the foreign revenue catalogue. See the ad offering it.

The caps on the 2c, 1890, are small breaks in the plate at the top of the figure "2", appearing as small oblongs added to the numeral. It is hard to describe them, but if you ever see one, you'll know it. The right cap is the rarest, and often a "2" with a dot at the top is claimed as a right cap, instead of the variety with the large oblong.

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Office of Second Ass't P. M. Gen.

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By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Navy Department.

With the exception of the stamps of the War Department none possess such possibilities of study as do the stamps of the United States Department of the Navy. These are prolific in shades, paper varieties, and there are several double transfers; and the various town dated cancellations provide an opportunity to create a collection of stamps which is attractive and interesting from the standpoint of historical facts. Some of these, bearing foreign postmarks, ought to be very valuable in years to come.

Eleven denominations were printed—from 1 to 90 cents. As was the case with all Departments these were printed by the Continental Bank Note Co., on hard paper. The designs, 100 to the sheet, followed closely those described in previous articles. The word "Navy" was placed diagonally across the left upper corner, and "Dep't" across the right corner. A cable, characteristic of the Navy, is prominent in the border. The initials "U" and "S" are in small hexagons.

A supply of these stamps, of all denominations, was printed in the interim between May 24 and July 1, 1873. At this later date the stamps were put into use with 160,830 delivered.

In classifying the shades, Mr. Luff arranges them from dull blue to bright ultramarine. The following number of shades to each denomination are listed:
1c, 6; 2c, 5; 3c, 6; 6c, 6; 7c, 5; 10c, 5; 12c, 4; 15c, 6; 24c, 5; 30c, 4; 90c, 5.

Only one plate was made for each denomination, plate numbers being as follows:

1c	80	12c	92
2c	50	15c	94
3c	34	24c	107
6c	53	30c	96
7c	119	90c	106
10c	101		

An error of color occurs in the 2 cent stamp in deep green. It has been stated that by accident this plate was put into the press for printing the stamps of the Department of State. It is a true error, but the knowledge that so-called errors exist, which are only

chemical changelings, makes it an object of suspicion, except when purchased from a reputable expert, and fully guaranteed.

I have seen two varieties of double transfers both in 3 cents. One of these shows quite plainly in the doubling of the lines of the lower label; the other occurs in the word "Navy" it being slightly "shifted" to the left. Varieties of ribbed paper exist in all denominations.

When the contract of the Continental Bank Note Co. was taken over by the American Bank Note Co. all plates of Department stamps were given into that company's possession. A printing on soft, porous paper was made by this concern, the denominations being so printed being 1c, 2c, 3c, and 6c, all in a shade of dull blue. These printings were made from Continental plates.

On or about Feb. 24, 1885, all department stamps were destroyed, including "Specimens".

The exact number of "Navy" stamps issued is not known. Between June 30, 1874 and June 30, 1884, the following amounts were delivered by the contractors to the postoffice department:

1c	106,800	12c	61,300
2c	201,350	15c	37,500
3c	580,700	24c	26,000
6c	234,800	30c	29,600
7c	16,000	90c	12,270
10c	55,210		

These amounts have been erroneously given as the total number delivered.

For the Centennial exposition in Philadelphia 10,000 stamps of each denomination were overprinted with the word "Specimen" in carmine. Of these the following numbers were sold to the public:

1c, 9,182; 2c, 1,748; 3c, 126; 6c, 116; 7c, 501; 10c, 112; 12c, 107; 15c, 107; 24c, 106; 30c, 104; 90c, 102.

The error in the word "Specimen" reading "Sepcimen" occurs in the 2c, 7c and 12c.

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STAMPS OF AUSTRIAN ITALY.

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Of Topical Interest—A series of stamps of topical interest at present are those classed in the catalogues as issues for Austrian Italy. They have been obsolete for half a century. When Austria adopted the postage stamp system in 1850 two sets of stamps were produced of similar design, one set was denominated in "kreuzer" for Austria proper, and the other in "centesimi" for use in Lombardy and Venetia. The design of the die was the Arms of Austria on a shield, enclosed within a rectangular frame, the lower part of which formed a pierced label for the insertion of the value in type. The die was engraved by Tautenheim, of Vienna, and in the Lombardo-Venetian set the values were 5 centesimi orange, 10c black, 15c red, 30c brown, and 45c blue. The stamps were printed typographically, and owing to the method of using the one die to make the electrotypes of all values there are variations in the lettering in the value label.

Change of Currency—All values in the issue of 1850 are very scarce unused, but most of them are still easily obtainable in the used state. They continued in circulation until 1858, when a new design was adopted for all the Austrian stamps, showing a small embossed cameo portrait of the Emperor Francis Joseph turned to the left. The new designs were the work of Professor Meissner, and the dies were engraved by Schmidt and Shrepfer, of the Austrian State Printing Office. The change of design coincided with an alteration in the currency to soldi, one soldo being equivalent to the Austrian kreuzer, which from 1858 was changed from 60 kreuzers to 100 kreuzers to the florin. The values in soldi are 2s yellow, 3s black (changed the next year to green), 5s red, 10s brown, and 15s blue. These were perforated, the perforation gauging 15.

End of Austrian Italy—The Treaty of Zurich, November 11, 1858, gave Lombardy to Italy, and from that time the stamps of Austrian Italy did postal duty only in the remaining State of Venetia and in the Austrian postoffices in the Levant. A series commenced in a new oval design in 1861 was only issued in two of the soldi values, 5 soldi red and 10 soldi brown; in these the embossed portrait of the Emperor is turned to the right, and the perforation gauges 14. This design was superseded in 1863 by a new one, also oval in form, but with the Austrian Arms embossed instead of the Imperial portrait. The arms series is in five values, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 15 soldi, which were at first perforated 14, but in 1864 a new perforation gauging 9½ was introduced for these stamps. The Austro-Prussian war lost Austria its remaining Italian State in 1866, and the subsequent Austrian stamps denominated in soldi were only used in the Levantine post-offices of Austria, where the accounts were then kept in soldi. Even these offices are now closed as a result of Turkey's abrogation of the Capitulations last October. —London Telegraph.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from H. W. Litten, Irvin B. Robinson, Maitland Milliken, N. Hagenauer, Silas Chapman, Jr.

—J. E. Holloway of the Edgewood Stamp Co., of Milford, Conn., was a recent caller at the WEEKLY office. Also, Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg of Hartford, Connecticut.

—In some way, the heading "German Colonies" was omitted from the advertisement of H. F. Colman in our issue of May 29. We regret this, but presume that it did not effect the pulling power of the advertisement, in view of the fact that the sets were all well described.

—Clifford D. Harvey, M. D., supplements our item of two weeks ago relative to Venezuela stamps surcharged "Fama de Cuba" by sending us Venezuelan stamps showing us this surcharge inverted and another overprint LA AMERICA in capital letters. This latter is a diagonal overprint and is shown normal and inverted.

—May 24, the parcel post service between Italy and the United States was temporarily suspended, due to the war between Italy and Austria. The Postal Department at Washington was advised of this fact by the Postal Administration of Italy.

—We are informed that George A. Tyler has received a sentence to the state reformatory at Cheshire, Conn. for his connection with burglaries in Hartford. Tyler will be remembered as procuring stamps without making any settlement for them.

—M. A. Berglund.—Will you please send your address to this office? We desire name of city and street address, when your request will be complied with.

—The Northern Philatelic Association is the latest thing of its kind. We are indebted to N. N. Cohen, 321 Williams Av., Brooklyn, N. Y., for an application blank and he will no doubt favor any of our readers in a similar manner with full particulars as to benefits, dues, etc.

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By W. E. IMESON.

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"I reckon, Lal, that *Germans* will soon be obsolete (bang, I've got another of them), and then become rare."

"Don't you believe it, Reggie. They've whole army corps—I mean big stocks of current issues untouched. They'll simply flood the trenches—that is, the market, after the war."

"Still, they're bound to 'rise,' after a time."

"P'raps. (I wish that wretched sniper would. Ah! there he is (bang). Confound it—missed him again!")

"Well, I shan't be keen on water-marks—once I get out of this trench. I can't help thinking that the old *German States* will go (bang) into the stamp business again. Then I'll bet my cap (whizz)—there it goes! Just look at this, old man, drilled right through the centre!"

"That's what I call a clean-cut perforation. Say, chummy, if that were put up at Puttick's, it would fetch a slap (bang) up price."

"Rippin' idea! Wouldn't it 'catalogue' well, too? 'Lot 500. O. H. M. S. cap. Khaki shade, with enormous margins. Stained, but otherwise in good condition. The hole through centre is guaranteed to be a genuine official punch. Happy thought—send that to *Punch*.'"

"You deserve one, anyhow. Now, what I say about *Germans* is this. Solid formations—I should say blocks and rows—are bound to 'advance.' Then will be the time to fix your attention—"

"Fix bayonets, you mean—by Jove, they're coming!"

Two Territorials, with a German prisoner, are seated together in a cosy "dug-out." They are intent upon the contents of three pocket-books. Little "bits of

coloured paper" are being as closely studied as if they were miniature war maps. The German (who speaks English like a native—only much better) is doing a "swap" with his captors. To them, as to him, the phrase "our friend the enemy" has a real meaning. They are soldiers for the time being, but they are stamp collectors (and may possibly remain friends) for all time. Such is the humanising influence of the world's most popular hobby.—*Khaki*.

A. P. S. NOMINATIONS.

The Detroit Philatelic Society has nominated the following ticket for offices of the American Philatelic Society for the ensuing year:—President, C. A. Howes of Boston; Vice Presidents, B. Schlesinger, A. Hatfield and Wm. Homan of New York; Secretary, Wm. E. Ault of Jeffersonville, Ind.; Treasurer, C. F. Heyerman of Detroit, Mich.; Int. Sec., L. H. Kjellstedt of Scranton, Pa.; and Directors at Large, H. B. Phillips of California, and H. C. Barr of Buffalo, N. Y.

The Philadelphia Branch has made the same nominations for president, secretary, treasurer and Int. secretary, but names the following for the Board of Vice Presidents: H. H. Wilson, Wm. B. Sprague, Dr. Carroll Chase, all of N. Y. City; and for Directors at Large, H. B. Phillips of California and W. H. Barnum of Ohio. The Branch unanimously recommends the re-appointment of P. M. Wolsieffer for Sales Manager.

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This will be the title of a book that we shall issue within a few months, and the story published last week is a sample of its proposed contents. We are very sure that our readers appreciated the skill with which the author, Edwin B. Hill, gave us a bit of fiction in which philately was interwoven with a moving picture of Western life.

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This question applies to the St. Vincent provisional, 1d on 5sh. One of our advertisers has been offering this stamp for \$5.00. It is not known definitely how many were issued. Some have said from 1,500 to 2,000, but the *Colonial Journal* says there were 15,000. Frank M. Mason asks, "If this statement of the *Journal* be true, what should the price be?" Ordinarily, we should say that a stamp of which 15,000 were issued would be worth in the vicinity of \$1.50 after the entire issue had become scattered amongst collectors. It is a matter of speculation to attempt to indicate the value of a stamp when the

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Speculation—From Mr. Albert Lee of New York City, we have received a very interesting summary of a newspaper article that "purported to give a synopsis of the secret understanding on which Italy joined the Allies, particularly in respect to the terms of peace which shall be imposed upon Germany in the event of the latter's defeat." It is indicated that after peace is declared the map of Europe will be so altered that a host of new issues will necessarily be made to accommodate the "minor states" that will become national entities under the terms of peace; and Mr. Lee aptly says: "In fact, so great a philatelic revolution may be brought about that after peace comes the collector may find it convenient to abandon the present classification of Nineteenth Century and Twentieth Century in favor of issues made 'Before the War' and 'After the War.'" Mr. Lee's deduction is not without its significance even though it is "problematical" as all predictions must be.

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Pleased to Meet It—Several weeks ago we told of the recall of the fifty dollar documentary revenue stamp of the current issue because a number of "the \$50 denomination stamps were stolen after they had left the Bureau of Engraving and Printing." One of our readers has shown us a fine copy of

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this stamp in used condition and in this connection it would be interesting to know how many of the stamps were purchased for use before their sale was prohibited by the order that provided for the return of the stamps to Washington. Our intimation still holds that this \$50 documentary stamp should prove to be exceptionally good philatelic property.

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In Passing—Those one and two cent stamps, side by side in strip, that are used in slot machines and are noticeably wider than the ordinary stamps must be reckoned with as collectible varieties. These products of the rotary press are on a seemingly thicker paper with a shiny, white gum and measure over a half millimeter wider than the usual stamps. These printings in reality are different stamps. The beautiful new Liberia stamps are coming through on the mails and the stamps make a brave showing.

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Even Prune Juice—Our discussion of the use of the \$2 wines and cordials stamp has brought forth details that are worth hearing and through the courtesy of a number of correspondents, all misunderstanding as to the manner of employment of the stamp is removed. In supplementing his former explanation, Mr. J. A. Bangs writes as follows: "The consumer is always charged with the tax and when the druggist or liquor dealer buys wines or cordials by the cask for the purpose of bottling the article as he receives it, the \$2 stamp is not used but merely two or six cent stamps, as may be required when bottled for the consumer; but when a cask is sold to the consumer the \$2 stamp is used. However, when the druggist buys wines or cordials by the cask which he employs in making other preparations or products, he becomes the consumer and the \$2 stamp is used on the cask that he purchases; and he in turn is compelled to put another stamp on the bottled product as he may put it up for sale. This also applies to rectifiers when wines, cordials, prune juice, etc., are employed in blending; he then becomes the consumer and pays the \$2 stamp, and when the blended product is sold in bottles, the two or six cent stamp is used; and when sold in casks, the \$2 stamp is again used. This really incurs a double tax. Bottled goods in sealed cases cannot be considered a unit, and must be stamped individually before sold, even if purchased before the tax became operative." Attention is called to the last sentence of Mr. Bangs' letter which disposes of the hypothetical case that we cited to account for the use of the \$2 wines and cordials.

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Have Another Barrel—Another reader knows whereof he speaks as he himself has taken the \$2 stamp off the original packages. Mr. M. B. Marshall writes from Roseville, California, and it is certainly to be said that wine flows like water in his favored land: "I am getting a good number of the \$2

wines and cordials stamps here in California. The stamps are used on barrels of claret and the section gangs on the railway where I work use from five to ten barrels a month to the gang; and there are about one hundred gangs that I come in touch with. The tax comes to \$2.16 and the barrels have everything from 216 one cent stamps up to the mysterious \$2 stamp. Yesterday, I got at two empty barrels, one of which yielded 54 of the four cent in one fine block and the other 5 of the forty cent and a pair of eight cent."

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Clever—In the past we have called attention to two varieties of label on the order of the following form but the wording of the "sticker" under notice is a variation from either of those that already has been recorded: "This Letter was dropped in the Post Office without any stamp, which, according to the Regulations, would have been sent to the 'Dead Letter Office,' but realizing the importance of such letters, we have paid the postage thereon, relying on your generosity to return a liberal compensation. Address: 'Postage Stamp,' New Orleans, La." The stamp that was supplied was the three cent of 1861 and the office of origination of the envelope was New Orleans. The envelopes on which we have seen similar labels heretofore were of the issues of the seventies but the cover at hand shows that the ingenious plan had been resorted to some years previously. It is probable that an enterprising employee of the postal service was responsible for the label whose insinuations met with an abundant return in some instances at least; and in the instance of the present notice, the expectations of the donor of the stamp fee are emphasized somewhat and the recipient of the favor would not have been lead to believe that he should limit his appreciation to the extent of the three cent stamp only.

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Scratched—The following letter has come from Mr. S. J. Jones of Santa Maria, California: "I can vouch for the broken plate variety of the three cent green U. S. as in 1894 or so, I discovered the stamp with the identical mark or line that you describe and which at the time I took to be indicative of a cracked plate. I placed it in my album as a side line but in revising my collection a few years ago I lost trace of the stamp." What we have described as the cracked plate variety in the three cent green has attracted some attention, to say the least, from several experts and after due examination it is their opinion that in reality the irregular line of color is not the result of a crack in the plate but is a consequence of a deep scratch in it. While the indentation which caught the color and printed the line has the appearance of a break yet close examination seems to have shown that in some way the plate had been accidentally scratched to some depth. One may well indulge in a moment of triumph if one finds the variety in a lot of the three cent greens.

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Kingdoms.

1. Prussia area, 136,073 square miles.
2. Bavaria area, 29,632 square miles.
3. Saxony area, 5,856 square miles.
4. Wurtemberg area, 7,619 square miles.

Grand-duchies.

5. Baden area, 5,891 square miles.
6. Hesse area, 3,000 square miles.
7. Mecklenburg-Schwerin area, 5,197 sq. miles.
8. Saxe-Weimar area, 1,404 square miles.
9. Mecklenburg-Strelitz area, 1,144 sq. miles.
10. Oldenburg area, 2,508 square miles.

Duchies.

11. Brunswick area, 1,441 square miles.
12. Saxe-Meiningen area, 964 square miles.
13. Saxe-Altenburg area, 517 square miles.
14. Saxe-Coburg-Gotha area, 765 sq. miles.
15. Anhalt area, 917 square miles.

Principalities.

16. Schwartzburg-Sondershausen, 337 square miles.
17. Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt, 367 sq. miles.
18. Waldeck, 438 square miles.
19. Reuss-Greiz, 123 square miles.
20. Reuss-Schleiz, 323 square miles.
21. Schaumburg-Lippe, 133 square miles.
22. Lippe-Detmold, 476 square miles.

Free Towns.

23. Lubeck, 116 square miles.
24. Bremen, 100 square miles.
25. Hamburg, 160 square miles.

Reichsland.

26. Alsace-Lorraine, 5,668 square miles.

Germany presents two very distinct physical formations. (1) A range of high tableland having an area of 110,000 square miles, occupies the centre and southern parts of the country, this being interspersed with numerous ranges and groups of mountains. The most important of these are the Hartz and

Teutoburgerwald in the north; the Taunus, Thuringerwald, Erzgebirge, and Riesengebirge in the middle; and the Black Forest (Schwarzwald), Rauhe Alb, and Bavarian Alps in the south. This last range contains the Zugspitz, 9665 feet high—the highest point in Germany. (2) A vast sandy plain, having an area of about 98,000 square miles, extends north from the centre to the North Sea, and from the Netherlands into Russia. This plain is varied by slight terrace-like elevations marked by summits of 300 to 800 feet high. A large portion of the plain is occupied by sandy tracts interspersed with deposits of peat; but other parts are moderately fertile, and admit of successful cultivation.

The German speaking inhabitants of the Empire number upwards of 51,000,000, but a considerable portion of these are not of Germanic stock. Among the peoples retaining their own language—more than four millions in all—are Poles (exclusively in eastern and north-eastern Prussia) 3,329,000; Wends (in Silesia, Brandenburg and Saxony) 93,000; Czechs (in Silesia), 107,000; Lithuanians (in eastern Prussia) 103,000; Danes (in Schleswig) 141,000; French (in Rhenish Prussia, Alsace and Lorraine) and Walloons (about Aix-la-Chapelle in Rhenish Prussia) 224,000. The Germans are divided into High and Low Germans; the language of the former is the cultivated language of all the German states; that of the latter, known as *Platt-Deutsch*, is spoken in the north and northwest.

Education is more systematically cultivated in Germany than in any other country of Europe. Besides the Lyceum at Braunschweig there are 21 Universities; Heidelberg, Wurzburg, Leipzig, Rostock, Griefswald, Freiburg, Munich, Tubingen, Marburg, Konigsburg, Jena, Giessen, Kiel, Gottingen, Erlangen, Berlin, Breslau, Halle, Bonn, Strasburg, and Munster. There are also nine polytechnic institutions; nearly 1,400 gymnasias, realschulen, etc.; numerous special schools of technology, agriculture, forestry, mining, commerce, military science, etc.; seminaries for teachers and preachers; and about 60,000 elementary schools. Among the military recruits only .05 are illiterate. Public libraries, museums, botanical gardens, art-collections, picture galleries, schools of music and design, and academies of arts and sciences are to be met with in most of the capitals, and in many of the country towns, upwards of 200 of which possess theatres.

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was extended to the whole empire; and alterations have since been introduced, especially (in the way of strengthening the army) in 1893. Every German who is capable of bearing arms must be in the standing army for seven years (generally his twenty-first to his twenty-eighth year). Three (in some cases two) of these years must be spent in active service, and the remainder in the army of reserve. He then spends five years in the first class of the *Landwehr*, after which he belongs to the second class till his thirty-ninth year. Besides this, every German, from seventeen to twenty-one and from thirty-nine to forty-five, is a member of the *Landsturm*, a force only to be called out in the last necessity. Those who pass certain examinations require to serve only one year with the colors. The whole of the land forces of the empire form a united army under the command of the Emperor in war and peace. The sea-faring population of Germany are liable to service in the navy instead of in the army.

The Empire as reconstituted in 1871, possesses the exclusive right of legislation on all military and naval affairs; on civil and criminal law for general application; on imperial finance and commerce, on posts, telegraphs, and railways in so far as the interests of the national defence and general trade are concerned. In all disputes that arise among the individual states, the imperial jurisdiction is supreme and final. There are two legislative bodies in the Empire—the *Bundesrath*, or Federal Council, the members of which are annually appointed by the governments of the various states; and the *Reichstag*, the members of which are elected by universal suffrage and ballot for a period of three years. The former deliberates on proposals to be submitted to the latter, and on the resolutions received from it. The Reichstag contains approximately one member for each 131,600 inhabitants. In 1905, there were 397 members. They are unpaid, but enjoy various privileges and immunities. There are something like sixteen different parties or groups in the Reichstag of modern times.

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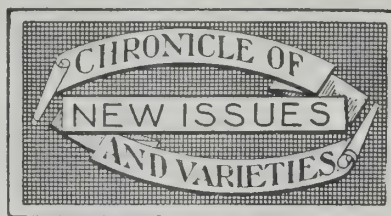
ZULULAND—By B. W. H. Poole, Price 20c.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass.

When first in the 4th century B. C. the Romans heard of new peoples of common kin whom they called Germani, the German tribes were living between the Elbe and Rhine, and to the north of the Main. In 58 B. C. Caesar drove back the Germans who had crossed the Rhine. Successful Roman incursions were made into Germany by Augustus; but in 6 A. D. the German tribes rose under Arminius (Hermann) and utterly destroyed Varus and his legions. Henceforth the Romans were in the main content to hold a strip of territory from the lower Rhine to the Upper Danube, and to guard the frontiers of the empire from German raids. From the 3rd century on this became impossible, and in the 4th the Germans continued to force their way into German territory. The settlement of the Franks in the north of Gaul founded the French nation and the German Empire, or rather the "Holy Roman Empire" or Germany. Charlemagne, who received the imperial crown from the Pope in 800, extended his dominions north over the heathen Saxons and as far east as Hungary. Under his successors France and Germany fell apart and in 911 the national diet of the Germans claimed and secured the right of electing their emperor who could not assume the imperial title until crowned by the Pope. At this period there were in Germany five nations—the Franks, Saxons, Bavarians, Swabians and Lorrainers. A duke of Franconia was Emperor 911-918; his rival and successor, Henry, Duke of

Saxony, and Henry's son, Otho, extended the empire over northern Slavs, Magyars, and into Lombardy. Burgundy was added by Conrad II, first of a new Franconian dynasty, in 1030, and his successor temporarily annexed Denmark, Bohemia and Hungary. Henry IV, of this line, was constantly at feud with Pope Gregory VII; but it was under Conrad III, first of the Hohenstaufen dynasty, that the wars of Guelphs and Ghibellines, between Pope and Emperor, so disastrously weakened the empire. His nephew Barbarossa was more concerned about his interest in Italy and the Crusades than about the internal well-being of Germany. From the accession in 1273 of Rudolf, first of the Hapsburgs, till 1806, the Austrian Princes were Emperors almost without a break, and the imperial crown was all but hereditary. The Emperor, Charles V, was also King of Spain, and lord of the Netherlands and of a great part of Italy. The influence of the Reformation and the Thirty Years War was to weaken the imperial power and cut up the empire into a crowd of petty factions and almost independent states; at one time there were as many as 300 states in the empire. Alsace and Lorraine were lost to the empire in 1648-97. The Napoleonic wars reconstructed the map of Germany. In 1806, the Emperor resigned the German crown and contented himself with being Emperor of Austria; and the Confederation of the Rhine was formed under French influence, to be succeeded in 1815 by the German Confederation, which comprised virtually all Germany, including German Austria, in 35 states, with a diet at Frankfurt. The political discontents of 1848 and 1849 led to not a few local insurrectionary movements which were swiftly crushed, and followed by a period of severe reaction and repression. The rivalries of Austria and Prussia for pre-eminence in the Confederation ended at Königsgrätz (1866) with the exclusion of Austria from Germany. The great Franco-German war of 1870-71 led to the re-annexation of Alsace-Lorraine and the constitution of the new German Empire, with the kings of Prussia as hereditary emperors.

German colonial expansion began in 1884 and between that year and 1899 the following regions became German possessions or came under German protection: in Africa—Togoland, Cameroons, German East Africa, and German Southwest Africa, with a total area of 931,460 square miles and a population in excess of thirteen millions. In Asia—Kiaochau Bay, with an area of 200 square miles and a population of about 32,000. In the Pacific—German New Guinea, Caroline Islands, Marianne Islands, Marshall Islands, Samoa, etc., with a total area of 96,160 square miles, and a population of about half a million.
(To be continued.)



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles two new values in the current series.

Adhesives.

60c green and rose.

96c black and red on yellow surface tinted.

J. A. Galbraith has submitted a specimen of the 60c King George and ship design. The name of the country, table and figures of value are in the rose color. It is a pretty stamp.

CANAL ZONE.—The New England Stamp Co. calls attention to the fact that the one stamp on each sheet has the words "Canal" and "Zone" spaced wider than the others. This stamp is the 7th from the top in the first vertical row. This is found in all values.

CHINA.—Stamp Collecting is informed that the whole of the current series of stamps has now been printed at Pekin. All values are on thinner paper than the London print, but the 1c and 3c are also found on thick, opaque paper.

DENMARK.—Three new values have been added to the series of newspaper stamps, type of 1907, according to *Lemaire's Journal*, all on the paper watermarked multiple crosses. The 1, 5, 7, 10, 20 ore and 1kr values of the older issue have also appeared on this new paper.

Newspaper Adhesives.

Sore green.

29ore orange.

41ore brown.

EGYPT.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us several values with the new official overprint as noted in No. 1258. These are the 2m green of 1888 and the 1m, 3m and 5m of the current pictorial set. The most salient difference between the two types is that in the new overprint, the final character in the Arabic inscription lacks the right hand hook at the top.

EPHROS.—G. Stanley Haines has shown us a piece of a cover with a strip of five of the 5 lepta Greek allegorical stamp of 1913, overprinted for use in Northern Ephros as noted in No. 1262.

FRANCE.—Books of 20 Red Cross stamps are now on sale at three francs each.

Philadelphia Collectors

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Offices in Egypt.—Red Cross stamps have been issued for Alexandria and Port Said, specimens being shown us by the New England Stamp Co.

GERMANY.—Offices in Russian Poland. —J. M. Bartels & Co. have shown us the German stamps, overprinted for use in Russian Poland, as noted last week. The overprint is in black in the same type as "Belgien" on the stamps surcharged for use in Belgium, and is in two lines, "Russisch-Polen", with a hyphen after "Russisch". The values are not changed.

Provisional Adhesives.

3pf brown.
5pf green.
10pf carmine.
20pf ultramarine.
40pf lake and black.

GUADELOUPE.—Lemaire's Journal notes that this Colony also has a Red Cross stamp, though we have not yet seen it.

INDIA.—Soruth. —Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the 3p and 1a stamps recently chronicled, both perforated and imperforate. Three grades of paper, at least, were used in printing these stamps.

INDO-CHINA.—Arthur Russell has shown us a cover from Canton, China, with a strip of five of the Indo-China Red Cross stamps of the first type, with the Cross above the "R" and "5c" in the lower right corner, the "c" being under the "5," instead of at the right.



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A SET OF AUSTRIAN WAR PICTURE STAMPS.

We are indebted to several correspondents for particulars in connection with this new set of stamps just issued by the Austrian P. O. Department and now freely advertised by continental stamp firms. Our chronicle of new issues gave a description of the set last week. The 3h shows infantry in the trenches, the 5h cavalry scouting party, 10h motor howitzer in firing position, 20h battleship in action, and 35h, aeroplane. It will thus be seen that the new set is in reality a "war set". The firm of J. M. Bartels Co. has kindly furnished the above set for illustration.

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The surcharge is in red brown instead of carmine or red, and was printed locally.

JAPAN.—Tadayasu Maki informs us that the *Official Gazette* of the Japanese Government announced under date of April 30 that the Imperial revenue stamps were to be printed on the same paper as the 1914 postage stamps.

LORENZO MARQUES.—The note in No. 1270 under this head should have stated that the stamps were perforated diagonally, and each half surcharged with the new value.

MARTINIQUE.—According to *Lemaire's Journal*, this Colony has joined the procession with a Red Cross Stamp.

MAURITIUS.—The Sterling Stamp Co. has shown us the new 50c of the Arms Type, Scott's A 38, and 10r of the King George "Postage and Revenue" type. Both are on paper colored through and watermarked Multiple Crown and CA.

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Mexico, Sonora P. used 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c, .30 Peru 1907, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50c, 1sol, .25 Jos. Trauner, 1118 Farm Rd., Secaucus, N. J.*

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Adhesives.

50c gray green and green on yellow. 10r green and carmine on green.

MOROCCO.—The current French Red Cross stamp has been overprinted "Maroc" and Arabic characters for use in the city of Tangier.

Provisional Adhesive.

10c and 5c red; black overprint.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Michael P. Hynes informs us that the Newfoundland Legislature has just passed an amendment to Tax Act, exempting money orders from the special tax. No additional tax on letters has been imposed, as in Canada.

SIAM.—The 1a orange and green of 1906 has again been called into use, and has been surcharged "2 Satang" similar to the 1909 surcharge though in entirely different type.

Provisional Adhesive.

"2 Satang" on 1a orange and green.

SOMALI COAST.—This Colony has also issued a Red Cross stamp, according to *Lemaire's Journal*.

QUARTER PAGES THE LIMIT.

As we advertise elsewhere, the issue of June 26 will have no advertisement larger than a quarter page. There's a reason! We shall send out 2,000 extra copies to a choice lot of names just secured from the Hussman Stamp Co. through their advertising during the past four months in high class publications. No large advertisement will be allowed to dominate the patronage of the issue. If you have any stock that will appeal to the young collector, work up an advertisement TODAY and have it in our office by Saturday, June 19. THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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The 338th (regular) meeting of the B. P. S., Inc., will be held on Tuesday evening, June 15th, preceded by an informal dinner at the Boylston Cafe.

An auction will be held at which lots for the benefit of the Society's collection will be sold if donated for that purpose.

The application of Mr. A. H. Hall will be voted upon.

The committee appointed in connection with purchasing a lantern, writing stock lectures and having slides made to illustrate same find they will need about \$125. for this purpose. As these lectures are to be given before various boys' clubs, etc., for the purpose of arousing interest in philately, it seems that every member will be glad to do his share towards making a success of so good an object. Subscriptions of from \$1.00 to \$5.00 may be sent to C. K. B. Nevin, 6 Beacon St., A. W. Batchelder, 12 Bromfield St., or to the Secretary. The committee hopes this will meet with a hearty response and to be able to have such lectures ready for delivery in the fall.

F. W. STILES, Sec.

- VENEZUELA - ISSUE OF 1911 -

ALTHOUGH IT IS WELL KNOWN AMONG COLLECTORS THAT THE VENEZUELAN STAMPS - ISSUE OF 1911 - WERE PRODUCED AT TWO SEPARATE PRINTINGS, IT MAY BE NEWS TO SOME THAT A NEW DESIGN WAS MADE FOR SOME VALUES FROM WHICH STAMPS WERE PRODUCED AT ONE PRINTING. THESE ARE UNIFORM IN COLOR, WHILE THE FRAME & VIGNETTE OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE VARY DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN MIX OF INK.

THIS NEW DESIGN IS NOT A REENGRAVED OR ALTERED DIE, BUT AN ENTIRELY REDESIGNED STAMP, THE DESIGNER NO DOUBT WORKED FROM THE ORIGINAL DESIGN BUT TOOK NO PAINS TO COPY IT IN DETAIL, EVERY PART DIFFERING IN THE TWO DIES.

THE 25c AND 50c ARE FOUND IN THIS NEW DESIGN, AND IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT OTHER VALUES WERE ISSUED AS THE SERIES HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED.

IN BOTH THE ORIGINAL & NEW DESIGNS THE 25c & 50c ARE ALIKE EXCEPT FOR VIGNETTE & VALUE TABLETS.

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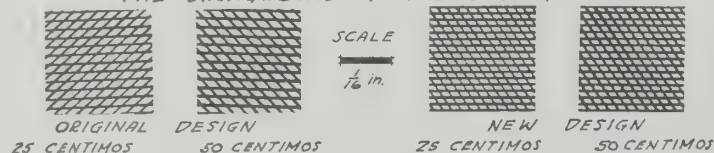


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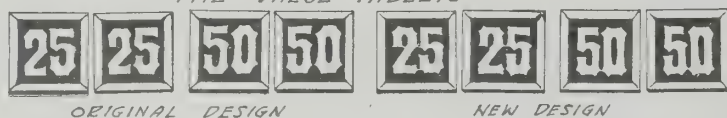
SOME OF THE MORE PROMINENT DIFFERENCES

- A. THE VIGNETTE FRAME IS EGG SHAPED IN THE ORIGINAL, WHILE IN THE NEW DESIGN IT IS MORE NEARLY ELLIPTICAL.
- B. THE RIGHT HAND NUMERAL PANEL EXTENDS BEYOND THE RIGHT HAND FRAME IN THE ORIGINAL, BUT LINES IN NEW DESIGN.
- C. THE SHADOW AT RIGHT OF FRAME IS USUALLY MISPLACED ON THE ORIGINAL LEAVING A COLORLESS LINE BETWEEN IT AND THE VERTICAL LINE WHICH STOPS THE BACKGROUND LINES, IN THE NEW DESIGN THE SHADOW TOUCHES THESE LINES.
- D. IN THE ORIGINAL THE LETTERS VENEZUELA ARE CONNECTED. IN THE NEW VENEZUELA ARE CONNECTED. NOTE THE SHAPE OF THE BOTTOM STROKE OF THE "L" AND THE NARROW "A" IN THE NEW DESIGN.
- E. THE HORIZONTAL BACKGROUND LINES DO NOT TOUCH THE OVAL VIGNETTE FRAME IN THE ORIGINAL DESIGN BUT DO IN THE NEW DESIGN.
- F. THE PAIR OF BERRIES IN THE LAUREL BRANCH AT THE RIGHT OF THE S OF CORREOS ARE IN HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT IN THE NEW DESIGN, WHILE IN THE ORIGINAL THE BERRY AT THE LEFT IS ONE MM ABOVE THE OTHER.
- G. THREE ADDITIONAL BERRIES ARE FOUND IN THE NEW DESIGN ONE AT THE LEFT OF THE "C" OF CORREOS AND ONE ABOVE EACH END OF CENTIMOS BESIDE THE ISOLATED LEAF.
- H. THE LOWER ENDS OF THE LAUREL BRANCHES SHOW MORE CLEARLY IN THE NEW DESIGN THAN IN THE ORIGINAL.
- I. "CENTIMOS" IS IN PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS IN THE ORIGINAL WHILE IN THE NEW DESIGN SLIGHT SERIES HAVE BEEN ADDED.

THE BACKGROUND OF THE VIGNETTE.



THE VALUE TABLETS.



PORTRAIT OF URDANETA 25 CENTIMOS VALUE

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TOGO Occupation Franco-Anglaise
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We have received from Giles Bishop, Jr., a letter in which he takes to task those writers who dismiss varieties found in the rebel issues of Mexico as being of interest only to the "specialist." Captain Bishop says that it causes a wave of indignation to go over him. We quote from his letter as follows:—

"I am not a specialist and I know very little about stamps or stamp collecting, yet, I do take an interest in these minor differences, and the boy collector likes to know about them, too, or else he is not the kind of a boy that it has been my good fortune to meet. Your paper caters to the boys as well as collectors of an older growth and for that reason, if you can enlighten them and add to their interest, it should be your aim to do so.

Let me refer to the 'Gobierno \$ Constitucionalista' issue, which is of interest not only to the so-called 'specialist,' but to the general collector as well.

In 1914, the Constitutionalist government, in order to safeguard their postal business, began overprinting the general Mexican issue of 1910 'Gobierno \$ Constitucionalista.' Possibly, there are some things in the way of broken letters, but aside from this I find without much trouble four distinct types as well as a fifth minor type, and so far as I know, these types appear in all the denominations overprinted with this surcharge.

Type I shows the dollar sign directly under BIE of Gobierno; Type II shows the dollar sign directly under IER of the same word; in Type III, the dollar mark is under IER and the C of the second word has been misprinted G; in Type IV the sign is under BIE and the C is also printed as G; in Type V the sign is in a midway position between B and I.

Captain Bishop gives us a diagram showing the number of times these varieties appear and claims that the following statistics may be accepted as the correct number of each type: Type I, 160; type II, 24; type III, 12; type IV, 2; type V, 2. He believes that the young collector will be interested in knowing the distinct differences that may be found in the surcharging of these stamps.

A BRIGHT AND BREEZY LETTER.

The following is characteristic of the correspondence that comes to the office of the WEEKLY and it shows the human touch in the interest that our subscribers take in all that concerns philately. L. A. Beebe writes:

"I congratulate you on your 'New Birth' number. I'm going to start that scrap book with those three portraits and Bill Bloss's two articles on 'Discounts' and 'Bubbling Over.' He is sure a live wire and I'd like to meet him face to face. He may be desperately sick, but he still can shove a quill to interest a stamp audience.

"There are at least a dozen ads. I am going to answer myself, in this one issue. Young Tucker is having the time of his life to answer correspondence you stirred up and is a most grateful chap. Sent me a very kind letter from one gentleman accompanying an almost complete set of Nevada State revenues, something I envy him the possession of; also, a letter from another shut-in with contribution of stamps."

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Bahamas 1902, 5sh	1.75
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Denmark 1907, 1c to 1k, 8 var., "Avisporto"
Philippines, 3 Aguinaldos cat. 61c, also 2 tel.

6 Mos. 25c and Your Choice

Asiatic packet, 50 all different.
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Any book advertised by us at 12c or less.
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Col. Repub. (Medellin) '02, 10c, 20c, 50c .27
Guatemala '02, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10c..... .13
Japan 1908, 6 yen green..... .27
Costa Rica '89, 1c to 1p..... .27
Hayti '98, Unp. 2, 5, 10c..... .22
1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms..... .23
205 all different foreign stamps.
105 " U. S. Stamps.
Arequipa '81, 10c (No. 7)..... .35
Salvador '97, 1c, 5c four colors..... .13
" '93, 2p, 5p..... .24
Nicaragua '69, 5c black..... .75
Roumania 1907, Charity, 3, 5, 10, 15b, 4 var.
Honduras 1891, 2, 5, 10 pesos, cat. 30c.
Sweden, 50 all different postage.
50 Norway and Denmark, all diff. postage.
Panama 1892, 50c brown, catalog 75c.
Egypt, Pictorial 1, 2, 3, 4m on Original Cover.
Soudan 1902-3, 1, 2, 3, 4m on Original Cover.
Uganda 1c (2), 10c Edw., 8c Geo. on Cover.
One Thousand Peelable Stamp Hinges.
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Venezuela, 25 diff. unused cat. \$1.11.
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Any book advertised by us at 25c or less.
300 all diff. foreign. A nice collection.
Antigua 1882, 1p, 1886, 2 1/2 p, 4p..... catalog .57
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Paraguay set of 15 different stamps.
France, 50 different, nice collection.
Bolivar 1879, 5c imperf. pair..... .50
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Nyassa 1901, 13 var. comp. 2 1/2-300 reis.

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WRITE US [76]

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THE 5c PERF. MEXICO TRANSITORIO.

By the MANAGING EDITOR.

This stamp has been in the lime-light to a considerable degree in recent months. Geo. W. Linn claims that it is a legitimate issue, while S. B. Hopkins is just as positive that it was never officially recognized by the Mexican postal authorities. Moreover, it is claimed that when it did appear upon the scene, a new issue was put into use at once.

In a lengthy communication accompanied by quotations from correspondence, Mr. Linn has endeavored to show to us that the stamp has a legal standing. It appears that early in 1914, C. Hinojosa, Postmaster General, writing from Hermosillo, Sonora, sent the firm of W. M. Linn & Sons Co. a sample of the 5c stamp then in use and asked the firm to quote prices in lots of from one thousand to one million. This stamp was none other than the imperforate 5c Transitorio and Hinojosa added, "You may send a sample if so desired."

The Linn firm immediately proceeded to make a design which was nearly identical with the one submitted, but differed mainly in the width of the inscription at the bottom. In the original stamp, "Cinco centavos", measured 14 x 2 mm., while in the Linn design, it measured 16 x 2 1/2 mm.

On March 23, the firm wrote Senor Hinojosa as follows:—"We are now sending you a complete sample sheet of postage stamps of the 5 centavos value. These have just been printed and are yet to be perforated with round holes between the stamps for separation. We will send you * * * * thousand of these stamps within a few days. We have made only the 5 centavos value and will be able to make any other values and send them to you within ten days after the receipt of your order for the same."

From the above, it is apparent that in response to a request for a sample of work that might be done by this firm, it was decided by the Linn Co. to go ahead with the manufacture of a supply, shipping them, as it were, on approval to the Sonora Government. This is what took place, for on April 2, the following letter was received by the Company from Hinojosa:—"In due time, I received three packages containing * * * * thousand 5 centavos postage stamps, which are very much like the sample I sent you. On this day, I have sent to the

Department of Communications a sample of these stamps and, also, your lowest price per thousand. When I first received your sample sheet, I sent some of the stamps to the Department of Communications and pointed out the convenience of sending you an order. You may write to the Department of Communications directly, which at present is located at Crudad, Juarez, as that department does the purchasing of postage stamps. The Minister already has your references and the samples that I sent him."

In this letter, Senor Hinojosa enclosed a copy of the letter that he sent to the Department of Communications and it will be of interest for me to quote a portion of this letter, which was addressed to Ignacio Bonillas, the head of that department:—"The firm of W. M. Linn & Sons Co., Columbus, O., has just sent me * * * * thousand 5 centavos stamps. These stamps are very like the ones we now use and the difference can only be told by examining them closely. The quality is very much better and they are well perforated. I am sending a sheet that you may compare them and see their superiority! They have made this shipment as I sent them a sample of our 5 centavos stamp and asked them for their best price in quantities. I beg to inform you of the convenience of getting the plates after the issue of the stamps. We have very few 5 centavos stamps left, only about ten thousand. Those just received, I believe ought to be used unless some of the others are ordered."

At this point, the correspondence ceases and no further light is given as to any subsequent developments. I wrote Mr. Linn that something further seemed necessary. There is no evidence that the Department of Communications even went so far as to accept the lot submitted on approval by the Linn Co., and certainly, no evidence that the lot was ever paid for. I so wrote Mr. Linn, only to receive a further letter from him under date of May 12 and from this letter I now quote:—"I have not attempted to show that the stamps were actually ordered by the Constitucional Govt. with the intention of using them. I do claim and the correspondence shows clearly that the

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Niger Coast, No. 3, block	
Seychelles No. 19, block	
marginal Plate number	
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94 1847, 3c red 9x13	1.25	.40
112 1847, 1c buff	1.00	.70
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—H. S. Dickey, writing us from Newton, Kan., informs us that three collectors have recently called upon him, Howard Kemp of N. Y. City, Thomas C. Hunter of Topeka, Kans., and Frank Edgar of Wichita, Kan. Mr. Dickey expresses his satisfaction in seeing pictures of the owners of the WEEKLY in the big number and urges us to make pictures of philatelists a feature in coming issues of the WEEKLY.

—At the last auction sale of M. Ohlman, N. Y. City, the block of twelve U. S. 1847, 5c though damaged brought \$115.

—It will be noted that A. E. Tuttle uses a discount line this week which is permissible in view of the fact that individual stamps are named.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from G. R. Harvey.

—We are informed by A. C. Roessler that the 1/2d green King George New Zealand was to have been put on sale June 3. The other values are being held up on account of shortage of ink, which is made in London. The plates of the new issue are all in New Zealand.

—R. E. R. Dalwick, who has recently published an extensive article "Togo and its Occupation Stamps" in Stamp Collecting will be found regularly in our columns as an advertiser. He has been fortunate enough to purchase a splendid stock of Togos containing all the rarities, so that he is able to fill all want lists in these provisionals. We trust our readers will extend him a full measure of patronage.

—The New York Sun of June 8 contains a savage editorial taking for its subject "The Burleson Shoddy Two Cent Postage Stamp." We shall publish the editorial as soon as space can be found, in order to show the measure of interest that is taken in this particular stamp by such an able representative of newspaperdom. Clipping from D. D. Berolzheimer.

—The 9th annual convention of the United States Revenue Society will be held at Springfield, Mass., Wednesday,

August 4. J. W. Prevost is the chairman of the credential committee and W. C. Stone of the committee on arrangements. The secretary of the Society, Otto F. Moses, states that he is not a candidate for re-election, as it will be impossible for him to serve during the coming year.

—H. B. SHAW.—Your renewal of subscription came safely, but there was no address given on renewal blank. Will you please supply the desired information? We shall thank any dealer who can assist us.

—Stanley Gibbons, Inc. has just issued a check list of U. S. stamps 1908-1915. It is very comprehensive in that it includes all manner of varieties such as imperfs., coil pairs, arrow blocks, double line and single line watermarks, and perfs. 8 1/2, 10 and 12. It is issued as a supplement to the Gibbons Circular for June. Write the firm for particulars.

—"I have gone over thousands of Columbus stamps 2c used of 1893 and I discovered a distinct 'cap' on the right figure and with broken line at right corner."—H. MEYER.

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Nosegay—A letter from Mr. Chester J. Moore, Albany, New York, startles us. He says: "I herewith send a specimen of some of the art as exemplified by the engraving people at Washington, D. C., which in the old country would constitute *lese majesty*."—Washington with a ring at the end of his nose!" Mr. Moore exclaims:

"Is this the hand of cruel Fate, to so depict this man of State
Who led for Freedom's cause his band
and drove the tyrant from our land?"

Small wonder that Mr. Moore bubbles over with indignation to find our beloved Washington "ringed like Mr. Bull" as on the envelope the white outlines of a ring are to be seen at the end of Washington's nose. Mr. Moore has several of the envelopes with this curious marking due to a mechanical mischance. However, Washington should not be blamed for this sacrilegious blemish as the mean old envelope contractors are at Dayton, Ohio.

'Tis True—"Philately has changed with the years," is the highly original thought of a philatelic moralist. Yea, we happen to have an Oppen's album of 1873 before us at Nicaragua which has four spaces provided for the stamps of that country. The 1915 cat. allots eighteen pages, double column, to Nic's teeming issues. We may add that the editor of the old Oppen album in his preface made the following hopeful observation: "The Editor trusts, therefore, the work thus enlarged and improved may be eventually considered as the much-desired Permanent Album."

From His Own Lips—From Mr. James C. Jay, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, we have received the following account of the origin and use of the famous Jay's "locals" of 1888: "I saw an item in the WEEKLY some time ago in regard to Jay's locals and so I will give you the history of the labels. I was born three miles north of LaHoyt, Iowa, in a

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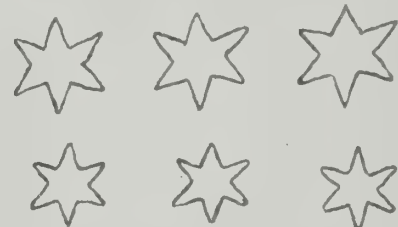
The Aftermath—Mr. Jay still has the floor: "The Jay's locals were issued in fun but several hundred were used. We carried a rubber stamp and pad and gummed stamps. Of the last issue I have only one in my possession; it is used on cover. I have received many letters from all over the country and Europe asking for specimens which I sent free of charge until I have only a few left and so there is no need to write for them. About a year ago, I had a letter from a person in Europe desiring to purchase all the remainders, plates and copies of the *Philatelic Midget* which I published for nearly two years. What he wanted with them, I did not know. Fifteen years ago, I moved to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. I would have answered sooner but have been laid up with pneumonia and rheumatism." We have no observations to make on Mr. Jay's moving tale which we think readers will find diverting, although we should add that true to his sense of postal fitness, Mr. Jay canceled his first issue with the design of horseman.

Pat and Tab—From an esteemed correspondent, Mr. G. M. Mosler, Cincinnati, Ohio, we have received the following communication: "I want to congratulate you and the other gentlemen associated with you upon the success of the issue of May 29th which indeed gives you something to be proud of. At the same time I want to offer a little criticism with reference to the articles en-

titled 'Discounts.' All of the ideas advanced by Mr. Bloss are in the right direction and deserving of high credit. The main trouble that I have experienced with 'net approvals' is that the dealer will always mark the stamps worth more than half catalogue at their proper price but very seldom, if ever, will he mark stamps worth 25% of catalogue accordingly. He works the game, heads I win, tails, you lose. Unfortunately, as an example in the article, Mr. Bloss has selected No. 78 Chile, which lists at \$3.50. This stamp is very hard to find in this country at anything like one-half catalogue or \$1.75. However, the Paris market is full of them and they are offered by the various dealers from \$1.30 to \$1.50. I myself purchased a copy from Champion at the latter price. As you well know most of the American dealers that have foreign correspondents are in touch with conditions of this kind. However, they have been offering this stamp as stated from \$2.50 to \$3.25, whereas there is no doubt in my mind but that they can be bought wholesale at \$1.25 or less. Trusting that you will appreciate the above in the spirit it is written, and wishing you continued success, I beg to remain," etc. The citation made by our correspondent speaks for itself and we adjure dealers to discountenance all forms of evasion that when put into practice incur the resentment of collectors. It is only through the satisfaction of buyers that dealers flourish and those who are in philately permanently must make conditions pleasant for the buyer.

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In a recent number of the *Stamp Collector* was an article by C. A. Stephenson dealing with the large and small star watermarks of Barbados. We deem the accompanying illustration worthy of reprinting and quote from Mr. Stephenson's article the following description of the same:—



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THE FIRST ISSUE.

The empire was re-established on January 18th, 1871, and the Imperial German Postal Administration replaced that of the North German Confederation. This necessitated a change of stamps and by a law passed by the new German Parliament on October 28th, 1871, these were not to be used until January 1st, 1872. As the old system of two currencies still prevailed two sets had to be prepared one with values in groschen and the other expressed in kreuzer. The same design, however, served for both series, this consisting of an uncolored circle in the centre on which the Arms of the empire were embossed. Above this circle are the words **DEUTSCHE REICHS-POST** (German Imperial Post) in a curve and at the base is the value "1 GROSCHEN" or "2 KREUZER" etc., in a straight line. A colored line enclosed the central circle and between the stamps are solid lines of color of about 1 1/2 mm. wide, probably made with printer's rule, which makes a colored margin on all four sides of each label. The background is composed of a sort of colored network. The embossing was done at a second operation, the colored printing being produced by typography. The stamps were manufactured at the Government Printing Office in Berlin, and were perforated 13 1/2 by 14 1/2. It will be noted the values are the same as those of the superseded Confederation stamps and the colors, also, are practically the same.

This set, familiarly known as the "eagle with small shield" series, was ready for use before January 1st, 1872, and was actually sold to the public on December 15th, 1871, though they were not available for postage until the authorized day. This issue, however, can only properly be described as a provisional one, since the postal authorities, anxious to start work on the series as quickly as possible, constructed the Arms in the centre themselves instead of waiting for the authorized design of the Herald's Office in Berlin. The design of the latter was only approved on August 3rd, 1871, so that had the postal authorities been a little less impatient they could still have prepared the new stamps in time and have had the arms heraldically correct. Mr. Barnsdall, writing in *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly* tells us that

"In this provisional issue the displayed eagle was a somewhat scraggy-looking bird, and the shield upon its breast bore a rather microscopic Prussian eagle. As finally arranged, the Imperial eagle was rounded out into fuller proportions, and two banderoles or streamers added to the Imperial crown hovering over its head. The shield borne on its breast was enlarged about four times so as to display to better advantage the Prussian

eagle, on whose breast also appears a shield bearing the arms, quartered black and white, of the Hohenzollerns, the family to which the Emperor belonged."

In an interesting article in the *London Philatelist* for January, 1902, Mr. Reichenheim states, "In the earliest print of some of these stamps (1/4, 1/2, 1, 2 and 5gr and 3kr) a small network, exactly like that on the stamps of Alsace and Lorraine, has been found, and becomes visible if the stamps are dipped in a solution of sulphuretted hydrogen. The stamps of the top and bottom rows of each sheet have about one or two perforations less, and are about 1 to 2 mm. smaller than all the other stamps. The 2gr and 5gr are also found imperforate, but I am not aware whether entire sheets or only parts of sheets have escaped perforation."

Practically all values, except those printed in bistre, may be found in a variety of shades. The 1/2gr and 2kr were originally printed in a tint which can best be described as orange-vermilion and, apparently, the vermilion had some detrimental effect on the plates, for in April, 1872, the printers were ordered to change the color to orange yellow. The 1/2gr in the new shade appeared in the following May, but the 2kr was not placed on sale until August.



Reference List.

Jan. 1st, 1872. Small shield. Perf. 13 1/2 x 14 1/2.

1. 1/4gr mauve, Scott's No. 1.
2. 1/2gr green, Scott's No. 2.
3. 1/2gr orange, Scott's No. 3 or 3a.
4. 1gr rose, Scott's No. 4.
5. 2gr blue, Scott's No. 5.
6. 5gr bistre, Scott's No. 6.
7. 1kr green, Scott's No. 7.
8. 2kr orange, Scott's No. 8 or 8a.
9. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 9.
10. 7kr blue, Scott's No. 10.
11. 15kr bistre, Scott's No. 11.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

In February, 1872, two high values of 10gr and 30gr were issued to take the place of the corresponding denominations in the series for the North German Confederation. In design and color they are identical with the stamps of the Confederacy except that the inscription was altered from **NORD-DEUTSCHER POSTBEZIRK** to **DEUTSCHE REICHS-POST**. Like the former stamps, these were really only intended for internal service on heavy packages and, again like the confederation series, they were not supposed to be sold to the public but to be

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affixed by the postal employees after the proper postage had been paid in cash. The official instructions, also, were to the effect that the stamps were to be cancelled with pen and ink, hence the reason for the rarity of postmarked specimens. These stamps are quite common unused for the remainders were sold to dealers after they had become obsolete.



Reference List.

Feb. 1872. Perf. 14 1/2 by 13 1/2.

12. 10gr grey, Scott's No. 12.
13. 30gr blue, Scott's No. 13.

THE THIRD ISSUE

At the beginning of October, 1871, the Imperial Postal Administration issued an order to the various post-offices throughout the empire instructing them to have all official stationery printed for the future with the corrected arms—Eagle with large shield, surmounted by a larger "Charles the Great" crown to which streamers were added. There is no doubt that about the same time preparations were made to have the postage stamps altered to conform with the official arms as authorized by the Herald's Office, though the first value in the corrected type the 1 groschen, did not appear until June 1st, 1872. In July the 1/2gr and 2gr were issued followed by the 1/2gr in August or September, while none of the others were

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placed on sale until May, 1873, at earliest. In fact the 2kr seems to have been the only one issued that month and the others were probably not sold to the public until the existing supplies of the small eagle type were exhausted. With the exception of the modified arms embossed in the centre the stamps are exactly like those of the preceding series. A new value, 2 1/2 groschen, was added to the set in November, 1872, and a corresponding value (9kr) for the kreuzer stamps was issued in May, 1873. Both were printed in brown.

The 1/2, 1 and 5 groschen are all known imperforate and the latter, at any rate, seems to be a bona-fide error for it is stated a few sheets were issued in this state by the post-office at Stettin. According to Mr. Reichenheim the stamps of the top and bottom rows are again smaller than the others as in the case of the first issue. Many values of this and the first set are known with the embossed centre inverted but these varieties are all counterfeit.



Reference List.

1872-73. Large shield. Perf. 13 1/2 by 14 1/2.

14. 1/4gr mauve, Scott's No. 14.
15. 1/4gr green, Scott's No. 15 or 15a.
16. 1/4gr orange, Scott's No. 16.
17. 1gr rose, Scott's No. 17.
18. 2gr blue, Scott's No. 18.
19. 2 1/2gr brown, Scott's No. 19.
20. 5gr bistre, Scott's No. 20.
21. 1kr green, Scott's No. 21 or 21a.
22. 2kr orange, Scott's No. 22.
23. 3kr rose, Scott's No. 23.
24. 7kr blue, Scott's No. 24.
25. 9kr brown, Scott's No. 25.
26. 18kr bistre, Scott's No. 26.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

Many mistakes arose, especially in a bad light, from the similarity of color of the new values mentioned above and the 5gr and 18kr.

In February, 1874, therefore, the 2 1/2gr and 9kr were issued overprinted with large numerals of value on the central device in the same color as the stamps themselves.

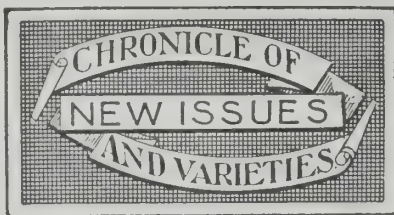


Reference List.

Feb. 1st, 1874. Perf. 13 1/2 by 14 1/2.

27. 2 1/4 on 2 1/2gr brown, Scott's No. 27 or 27a.
28. 9 on 9kr brown, Scott's No. 28 or 28a.

(To be continued.)



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—W. M. Dann submits a pair of 1c stamps from a coil, with a strongly marked impression, 3 mm. wide across both stamps. This was evidently made by a milled edged feed wheel, but whether in some process of manufacture or in a stamp-selling slot machine we are unable to say.

BARBADOS.—Geo. W. Hartwell sends us a postcard from this colony new to us. The stamp is in the current postage type.

Post Card.

1/2d green on white, 121x75 mm.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Godfrey W. Schroth reports finding a minor variety of the current 96c stamp. The changes consist of a heavy shading of the end of the ribbon at the left of the crown, and a different shading of the leaves under "Guiana."

CANADA.—Geo. W. Hartwell submits a Canadian 2c card printed in rose with portrait of King Edward. This was issued in Victoria, B. C., June 1, though possibly at an earlier date in other parts of the Dominion.

Post Card.

2c rose on buff, 141x86 mm.

Geo. S. Bryan reports various combinations of the new "War Tax" stamps on letters, and one letter postmarked with an advertisement of the "Brookville Horse Show, Sept. 6, 7, 8."

CEYLON.—Arthur Russell shows us a cover from Ceylon, which has been pretty thoroughly censored. The censor mark is rubber stamped, and shows "Colombo" down the side, with "Censor" across the top, and the date below. In addition the opened top has been sealed with a stamp margin strip, and stamped twice "Opened under martial law."

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Hermann Focke submits specimens of the stamps with three portraits as noted in No. 1275, but printed in carmine. They are local products and poorly printed and perforated. These are revenue stamps, as were also the green stamps reported by Mr. Dunning. Mr. Focke calls attention to an error in the official stamps overprinted "Habilitado—1915," the "H" of Habilitado being a cap "L." This undoubtedly occurs on all values, though the 10c and 20c have not yet come to hand. Mr. Focke also submits a pair of the 5c stamps of the same overprinted series, with "Habilitado" at the bottom instead of the top.

INDIA.—Bundi.—A new series of stamps has been issued for this state. The central figure shows the arms of the State with native characters in tablets above and below. The stamps are crudely drawn and printed on thin paper in small sheets of 4.

Adhesives.

- 1/2a black.
- 2a light green.
- 4a yellow green.

PERSIA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us ten new provisionals from this country, the 13c of 1911 having been surcharged "1 ch" in both native and Roman letters, and date "1914," all in black. The 5c of the same series has been surcharged "2 chahi" and native characters with date "1915" and the 13c of 1909 has been surcharged "12" in both Roman and Persian characters, in an oblong frame with heavy black border. The 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 9c, 10c and 1k values of the 1909 series have been overprinted "1333" in native characters at the bottom of the stamp, that being the Mahomedan year.



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SIAM.—There is an error on each sheet of the 2s on 1a chronicled in No. 1276, according to Whitfield King & Co., showing accent over "g."

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Whitfield King & Co. have shown us more values of the new postage due set, as described in No. 1262.

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JIMMY O.: APOSTLE OF PEACE.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The postoffice had yielded a bunch of stamp literature that would have gladdened the soul of any one less enthusiastic philatelically than Jimmy O. and Eddy Fyne. I had revelled in the reading, and had carefully filed away the papers I wished to preserve—few indeed, considering. The others I tossed into the hammock, as I heard the beating of hoofs up the road. It was the day after Jimmy O. and Eddy were due at the border town of Willow. Perhaps they were more welcome, because of the anticipation. At any rate, here they were.

Jimmy waved his hand deprecatingly toward the hammock, which Eddy proceeded to occupy, without a word.

Jimmy looked at Eddy sadly. "I shore have spilled the beans, Eddy," he said, sadly. "I shore have. An' we needs them beans a lot."

Jimmy sat down upon the ground at Eddy's feet, and rolled a cigarette. A few minutes later he was invisible. Eddy did not speak.

"It was this way," began Jimmy O., out of his invisibility. They was a meetin' las' night at the op'ry house fer the promotion o' peace between the warrin' nations o' Europe. By heck! The warrin' nations sounded good to me."

"Me, too," declared Eddy. "Not countin' them at home."

"Meanin' sheep an' cowmen," interpolated Jimmy.

"Well," Jimmy continued, "that there warrin' nations sounded real hostile like to me, bein' I was for peace. We went."

Jimmy sighed heavily.

"That was when we spilled 'em," said Eddy, lugubriously.

"Yep, we went. A bunch o' them prominent citizens was on the platform. They was lookin' as hopeful 'sif it was their war."

"It war," said Eddy, with a sheepish grin.

"They was three Englishers, four krauts, one Belgium, an' a Jap there that I counted. Then I knew whiles the war in Europe was progressin' favorably, the war in Willow was about to begin. Talk about peace!"

Jimmy O. doubled up with mirth.

"One o' the parson's opened the meetin' with prayer. It was for peace. One o' the Germans says 'Amen,' an' right there I felt I sure was goin' t' need my gun, w'ich the bishop annexed wen I lef' my cayuse at the stable."

"Well, as I was sayin', the prayer and the amen started things."

"Fellow I knew on the range spoke first, pleadin' fer peace. Then two other men *they* pleaded fer peace."

"Willin' t' fight fer it, too," said Eddy, sadly.

"About that time one o' the Germans, not speakin' good English, got up t' speak. Now this chap I know. He's white. He sure bruk down an' cried w'en the war began. He los' a brother an' two nephews over there. No need fer him t' ask for war."

"Then one o' these yer funny fellers he ups an' says, 'I'm neutral. I don't care a whop who kills th' kaiser.'"

"The ol' German, he sits down, lookin' hurt an' insulted. Me—I spots Mr. Man an' I 'lows after that there meetin' fer peace war is sure t' start."

"It was pretty bad—that meetin'. That there fellow w'at yelped spoiled it. But I do' know—I do' know. You can't tell."

"Well, after th' meetin', I natcherly lays fer Mr. Man."

"Nobody prayed fer peace, then," chortled Eddy. "He was past prayin' fer in about a minute—that fellow. But say! He won't break up any more meetin's fer a while—not him."

Jimmy swung lazily to and fro.

"I'm plum ashamed o' myself—me spillin' the beans thataway."

"Maybe you didn't sow the seeds which fell among stony places," I suggested, humorously. Jimmy would not rise to it.

Jimmy picked up a philatelic paper

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and was soon absorbed. Eddy found another. Neither looked as if he had a friend in the world.

A few minutes later I heard voices, and looked up. There was a local preacher whom I had met, an elderly German whom I knew and loved, and a sadly disfigured cowboy, one eye in mourning and a cut lip which interfered somewhat with his speech.

When the three discovered the inimitable Jimmy, looking as sad as a mourner, and Eddy with a face as long as his riata, they smiled.

"I wish to apologize," said the minister, smiling still.

"Me, too," broke in Jimmy.

"Secun' the motion," broke in Eddy, with a blush.

Then the party started in to explain. Jimmy O., having beaten into his fellow cowpuncher the futility of warring at a peace meeting, the aforementioned c. p. had gone to the old German to apologize. There he had met the minister, who, likewise, felt the need of apology. Then the three had concluded to look up the inseparables, and apologize to them for the necessity of carrying the war out of Europe and into Willow.

When Jimmy rose from the hammock the papers fell upon the ground. The minister picked one up, with a glance at the headline.

"Why, are you interested in stamps? I collected when I was a boy, and I really believe I have the album home now, in my trunk."

"Me—I lef' mine up on th' range. But I sure am int'rested," declared Jimmy.

"I haf some letters from my odder nephews. I gif you de stamps," said the old German, kindly. "They haf dose funny marks. One of de poys is Russian prisoner. De odder, French prisoner. I gif you all de envelope mit dose funny marks."

Meantime the disfigured cowpuncher sat upon the ground, looking at the cuts of new issues.

"Gee! Is them the things? Gee! I'll jest start in an' collec' 'em myself!"

"An' we thought we'd spilled the beans!" declared Jimmy, whimsically, to the somewhat mystified visitors, as they started down the path to garner the envelopes with the "funny marks."

PHILATELIC FACTS AND OPINIONS.

Belgium Double Impressions.—In our last number we published an article on the line-engraved stamps of Belgium, in which Mr. Higlett outlined the salient points in their history. As bearing on this subject, a description of a stamp which has lately come into my hands may not be out of place. This is the 20 centimes of the first issue with double numerals. From the extreme rarity of this variety it is almost certain that it is due to some cause different from that which gave rise to the same peculiarity in the 10 centimes. Though the 10c with double figures is not specifically mentioned by Mr. Higlett, it is included under the heading, "Re-entry on Plate," and there is apparently no reason whatever to doubt that this is correct, and that there were two or more examples of it (in varying degree) on each sheet. But if the 20c with double figures were examples of re-entries they would be at least as common as the 10c; whereas they are exceedingly rare, only a very few copies being known to exist. I have been told that a Belgian collector paid £15 for a copy. At any rate, it certainly does not occur once in every 200 stamps, as it would do if it were a plate variety. The possibility that two plates were made and used for this value must not be overlooked, but even then the one containing the variety must have been very little used, and I think this hypothesis may be safely discarded. My view is that it is a double impression which affected possibly only one sheet. This would at once account for its rarity. Close examination of the example before me helps to sustain this view. One impression of the figures is in a paler shade than the other—this would not occur if it were a case of a re-entry. The two impressions, of which one is very faint, are about half a millimetre apart, and only affect the upper portion of the stamp—indeed, apart from the numerals, there is very little of the lighter impression to be traced.

Messrs. Gelli and Tani, in their useful catalogue of Belgian stamps, say, "These double impressions probably come from traces insufficiently erased from a plate having served for the first printings." This is somewhat obscure, and obviously a bad guess. If my theory is right, it is certainly a peculiar coincidence that such a curious phenomenon as the duplication of identical parts of the design on two different stamps of the same issue should be brought about by different means.

Flaws on Recent Belgians.—While I am on the subject of Belgium, I may as well mention two unimportant varieties, which may be found on more recent stamps. The first affects the 35 centimes brown, of the first Sunday-label issue (1893). About one in every ten of these will be found to have a white dot after the '5' in the lower right-hand corner, on a level with the centre of that figure. Can anyone tell me how many times this occurs on the sheet, and where?

I am also seeking the same information about a variety of the 50 centimes, grey, of the current issue, though in this case it is almost certain that it only occurs once on the sheet. The variety affects the G and I of BELGIE. The former letter is joined where the opening should occur, making it a cross between an O and a G, while the I has a small serif at top, turning it into a numeral.

There are numerous other flaw-varieties to be found on the latter issues of Belgium, and, as the stamps of this Hun-ridden country are now receiving a great deal of attention, a study of them would doubtless prove very interesting, and could be made at small expense.

Prince Edward Island.—Gibbons' catalogue, has at last, in its current edition, got out an intelligible list of the issues of this Colony, but it is still open to a little criticism. It is, for instance, by no means certain, that the variety catalogued as 47a exists. This stamp is the 3 cents of 1872 with

the words "Prince Edward," with compound perforations. The variety occurs ten times on each sheet, but never on a marginal stamp. Now the compound perforations in the stamps of Prince Edward Island were not produced in the usual way by perforating each sheet vertically by one machine and horizontally by another one. They are, in fact, more or less accidental. All the evidence goes to show that they were caused by sheets which were not properly perforated in the first instance, being finished off by the operator of another machine. Thus it appears that the outside rows of perforation (top, bottom and sides) were frequently omitted in the first place, and probably it was intended to issue them in that way, thus leaving a wide edge to the marginal stamps. Sometimes, also, the machines being single-lined, and the operator careless, one or more inner rows were missed, but this was much less frequent. All such sheets were finished off, after scrutiny, by the other machines. As a consequence, the usual form in which these compounds occur is with the $11\frac{1}{2}$ —12 gauge on three sides and the $12\frac{1}{2}$ —13 on the fourth. The true $11\frac{1}{2}$ — $12 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ —13 is very rarely seen, and until a copy of the three cents with stop (which was not a marginal stamp), turns up with the compound perforation, it is not safe to assume that it exists, though it is extremely likely to do so.

Serbia.—There are plenty of analogies for this kind of thing, and one which serves very well as an illustration occurs in the 1898 issue of Serbia. There was a certain printing of four values—5, 10, 15 and 25p—in which in the first instance the bottom outside perforation on each sheet was missed, and on this being noticed the sheets were handed over to another operator to finish off with a machine which happened to have another gauge.

Now there is a flaw variety of this stamp in which quite a considerable chunk of the design in the lower left-hand portion is missing, but as this variety occurs in the bottom row, it only exists perforated $13 \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ and not in the normal perforation.

Mexico Paper Varieties.—Though many think that the almost microscopic study of stamps, which is such a feature of modern philately, is carried to absurd lengths, nobody who has had much to do with the detection of forgeries and reprints will be likely to hold the same view. No detail is so insignificant that it may not prove the genuineness of a given stamp. In this regard the study of the make and texture of paper often bears a very important part. In the case of the first two issues of Mexico, although the stamps were in many cases reprinted on the same paper as the originals, it is precisely by means of the paper that we are often able to reject specimens as reprints. If you will take a specimen of any value of the issues of 1856 and 1861 and look through it against a good light, it will be seen that there is a mesh in the paper which runs in parallel lines, each grain of the mesh being oblong in shape and arranged end to end to form the line. This can be seen much more clearly on the 1861 stamps than on the 1856 issue; sometimes, if the paper is thick, it is almost impossible to detect it. If the stamp be held horizontally against the light, it will be seen that the mesh is translated into an appearance of ribbing.

There is a way to detect this mesh, and the examination bears out the theory. If the stamp be held horizontally against the light, it will be seen that the mesh is translated into an appearance of ribbing. If the stamp be held vertically against the light, the mesh will be seen to be in the form of a series of parallel lines. This is a very simple test, and one which can be made at small expense. It is, for instance, by no means certain, that the variety catalogued as 47a exists. This stamp is the 3 cents of 1872 with

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We do not hear so much nowadays about short and long stamps of Mexico but that they vary in length and width is beyond doubt. The paper shrinks after printing and always in one direction, i. e., between the lines forming the mesh. Thus the $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 and 8 reales, which have the horizontal mesh, are slightly shorter and wider than the other two values, which have the mesh the other way and consequently have shrunk in exactly the opposite direction.

This phenomenon is not generally understood, and has been the cause of a good deal of nonsense having been written years ago, about two dies having been used, not only for these Mexican stamps, but for the stamps of other countries, which exhibit the same peculiarities.

Ceylon.—The London Philatelist for October contained a note by Mr. E. D. Bacon, in which he described certain varieties found in the one penny, fourpence and tenpence Ceylon, each shewing two impressions overlapping of the die. These are instances of what is known as "re-entry." The variety of the one penny which Mr. Bacon describes is that in which the secondary impression is nearly 1 mm. to the right, parts of this impression being noticeable on the stamp in the letters of the words—CEYLON—ONE PENNY. It is not generally known that there were at least two other varieties of re-entries on the plate of this value. In one of these, which lies before me, the secondary impression is $\frac{1}{4}$ mm. too high, the effect being that the letters of the word CEYLON appear to have a double outline at foot. Traces of the re-entry are also noticeable on the letters NE of ONE. The other variety I describe from the lower left hand stamp in a block of four proof impressions in black. In this the secondary impression is $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. too low, the bottom outline of which can be traced for most of its length in the margin at foot, and the top outline, though more faintly, can be seen through the design $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. from the top. Traces are also noticeable on most of the letters forming the inscription and especially on the NY of PENNY.—Phil. Jour. Great

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THE FIFTH ISSUE.

The dual system of currency in the Empire caused endless trouble, and in 1874, it was decided to introduce a new monetary system by which the currency of groschen and kreuzer was superseded by one of pfennige and marks. Not only did a uniform system result from this change, but matters were further simplified by the fact that the new currency was a decimal one, the mark consisting of exactly 100 pfennige. This change, of course, necessitated a new issue of stamps and though the new labels were ready and placed on sale in the early part of December, 1874, they were not allowed to be used until January 1st, 1875, the date officially chosen for the introduction of the new monetary system. The set consisted of six different values—3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50 pfennige—for public use, and a 2 marks stamp for the special use of the post offices, to be placed on heavy packages prepaid in cash. This value took the place of the 10gr of the previous issue.

The 3 and 5pf stamps were produced by surface printing and these were alike in design, except as regards the frame. In the center is a large numeral denoting the denomination on an upright oval of solid color. Around the figure, the words DEUTSCHE REICHS-POST are curved and the oval itself is surmounted by a large Imperial crown. At the base of the oval is a posthorn and on a band at each side the value is expressed as 3 (5) PFENNIGE reading upwards at the left and downwards at the right. The 10, 20, 25 and 50pf were alike in design and these were embossed in color. The Arms are shown in the center within a pearled upright oval band which is inscribed DEUTSCHE-REICHS-POST. In the upper angles are ornaments and in the lower ones discs of solid color on which the numerals of value are shown in white, while between these discs is a label on which PFENNIGE is shown in graduated letters.

The 2 marks stamp was produced by typography, like the two lowest values, and this in shape and design resembles the 10gr label it superseded. In the center is a large 2, on which "2 MARK" is shown twice in small uncolored characters. The oval band is inscribed DEUTSCHE REICHS-POST at the top and ZWEI MARK at the base, while the background consists of a repetition of the latter inscription in small letters.

All values, except the 2 marks, were perforated 13½ by 14½ as in the case of the preceding issues, while on the 2m, on account of its shape, the perforation is 14½ by 13½.

Shades may be found in all the pfennige values and in the case of the 50pf at least one change of tint was made with official intention. The earlier shades were grey to slate, but in March, 1877, the color had a large percentage of green mixed with it and later printings vary from grey-green to olive green. The 5pf was always printed in aniline

ink and in 1879 similar fugitive ink was used for the 10pf.

The 2 marks stamp had a somewhat lengthy life, as it continued in use until 1900. During this time there were, of course, several printings and as no special attempt seems to have been made to keep its color uniform, a variety of prominent shades may be found. Gibbons' catalogue lists five distinct shades and accords a different date to each as follows:—

- 1875, dull lilac.
- 1881, red lilac.
- 1884, lilac rose.
- 1889, lilac.
- 1893, deep red lilac.

I believe all seven values of this series were printed in sheets of 100.



Reference List.

- 1875. New currency. Perf. 13½ by 14½.
- 29. 3pf green, Scott's No. 29.
- 30. 5pf mauve, Scott's No. 30.
- 31. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 31.
- 32. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 32.
- 33. 25pf brown, Scott's No. 33.
- 34. 50pf grey, Scott's No. 34.
- 35. 50pf green, Scott's No. 35.



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- 36. 2 marks lilac, Scott's No. 36 or 44.

THE SIXTH ISSUE.

According to German grammar, the spelling of PFENNIGE with a final E, as on the last issue of stamps, was incorrect, and a great outcry was raised in the press on the matter. The word as printed, was the plural when speaking of a number of coins, but the descriptions of currency, weight, measure, etc., have no plural in Germany. Bavaria and Wurtemberg, which still retained their postal autonomy at this date, had the correct spelling on the stamps they severally issued when the currency was unified, but it took some years before the Berlin administration could be induced to see they were in error.

The first stamp to appear with the correct spelling was the 10 pfennig, which was issued for sale in March, 1880, while the other denominations appeared about a month later. In the 3 and 5pf stamps an additional numeral was inscribed in place of the redundant "E", but on the other values, the word was simply redrawn so as to fill the

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Roumania 1906, Picture set, 10 var.35
Salvador 1906, 1c-100c, mint, 12 var.35
1911, Off. 1c-100c, mint, 8 var.15
Siam 1910, 6, 12s05
Spain 1889, 2c-10p, 10 var.05
1900-5, 9 var.05
Uruguay 1910, 5m-8c, 5 var.06
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tablet. In all other respects the designs remained the same as before. All values are said to have been printed in aniline as well as ordinary colors and Mr. Westoby states that from 1883 down to 1889 they "were printed on paper that had been previously coated on the face with a preparation similar to that made use of in Russia, the effect of which was that when the stamp was wetted on the face the color came off, either partially or wholly, according as the paper had been thinly or thickly coated." The colors of the stamps on the surfaced paper are, generally speaking, much brighter than those of the earlier printings.

The 3 and 10 pfennig are known imperforate and the former appears to be a bona-fide error, for it is stated that a few sheets were issued in this condition from the Leipzig post office in the early part of 1883.

An interesting minor variety may be found in the 50pf. This has the small projecting ornament in the center of the right frame omitted, making a deep v-shaped indentation in this part of the design. The variety was not discovered until 1901 and it seems to be of a fair degree of rarity. Apparently, it only occurred on one stamp on one of the earlier plates.

In 1882, a clever forgery of the 50pf was made with the object of defrauding the government. The stamps were made and sold by a lithographer named Riechers, of Barmen, and it is estimated at least 140,000 were used before the counterfeit was detected. According to a note made in the *Philatelic Record* some years ago, it is said that "as a forgery, it is magnificent, the color and entire execution are so exact that it is not surprising copies passed the post office in such quantities". The forgery differs from the originals mainly in the shape of the small ornaments at the sides and though it would not deceive a collector looking for it, it would certainly pass as the original article with nine persons out of ten.

Reference List.

1880. Corrected spelling. Perf. 13 1/2 by 14 1/2.
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CANADA WAR TAX REVENUES.

We have received from Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, a specimen of Canada's new King George war tax stamps in ribbon form. The value before us is the 5c black, and is a nice piece of work from the American Bank Note Co., of Ottawa. Mrs. Oughtred says that there will be issued in this one design the values 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c. The 2c red war tax is now being furnished in coils, the minimum number sold at one time being 500.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—A subscriber wishes to know whether he can have a Goodwin book by sending in a new yearly subscription and 25c in cash. Our reply is "Certainly."

—Clippings acknowledged with thanks from A. E. Meyer, Daniel J. Kaib, N. L. Stanley and Fred G. Ross.

—M. F. METHFESSEL—Your letter contains no address and we can find no advertising copy. Please send copy for your three line adlet.

—The membership list of the *American Philatelist* recently issued contains the 16th annual report of the committee on philatelic literature, "being an addendum to the 15th annual report with additions and corrections and continuing the catalog to Jan. 1915." It is compiled by the committee of which Wm. R. Ricketts is chairman and is issued in two parts, one devoted to separate works and the other to periodicals. One hundred and fifty copies of this index have been printed separately from the membership list and each one numbered, the first fifty being an edition de luxe. They are priced respectively 25c and 50c. The indexing has been thoroughly done as will be evidenced by even a cursory examination.

—I am the happy possessor of a copy of the 3-cent green, "cracked" or "scratched" plate. I happened to be looking over about 1,000 of the green ones when the fifth stamp I picked up had a faint line running from the "H" in "THREE" up to the oval surrounding the medallion. All the particulars Mr. E. R. Jacobs mentioned were present on my specimen with many more. I am enclosing a drawing which shows plainer than I can tell, the ramblings of the mark in question.—C. E. ENGELHART.

—Over forty members have signified their intention of attending the S. P. A. convention in Reading, Pa., August 5-6-7, already. The convention bids fair to be by far the largest the S. P. A. has ever held.

—"I have just received Theodore Champion's bulletin wherein is a statement to the effect that since the German and Austro-Hungarian governments have prohibited the sale of French and French Colonial Red Cross stamps in either country, it has been decided that French dealers will not import or buy stamps of either Germany or Austro-Hungary, and that therefore while the war continues no new issues of the above mentioned countries will be chronicled."—G. M. MOSLER.

—In our issues of June 5 and 12, the Gibbons' 1915 Part II catalog was advertised by the Manhattan Stamp Co. as containing "No illustrations." This, of course, is not the case, and we regret the error, which was corrected in the advertisement of last week. Mr. Miller, the manager of the Manhattan Stamp Co., has been doing jury duty during the past two weeks.

—There has been a reduction of letter postage between the United States and the Dutch West Indies. Commencing July 1, letters will be mailed at 2c per ounce or fraction thereof in place of 5c as heretofore.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Spreading.—The announcement has been made by the department at Washington that our rate of letter postage to the Dutch West Indies, including Curacao, has been reduced to two cents, beginning July 1, 1915. Elsewhere, we print the order in full but we may observe here that the prediction made some time ago on the occasion of the first reduction between our country and one of the British West Indies while already verified in good measure will be more emphatically so in the future. Last week, the probabilities of cheap postage between this country and South Ameri-

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ca were mentioned; and now the actual reduction has been ratified by the Dutch government in behalf of its West Indian colonies and the United States. Philatelists are in a position to appreciate postal reform about as well as any other class of persons.

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Ossa On Pelion—Really we must call a halt. With amazement and indignation, we beheld last week a current two-cent stamped envelope on which Washington was depicted with a ring in his nose. We protested against this outrage but at the same time, a sop of consolation was found in the thought that the lesser house of postal production, the envelope factory at Dayton, was responsible for this egregious insult. The worst was yet to come and now that it has descended upon us, we are unnerved. The final iniquity leaves us helpless; we can only mutter dire abjurations against those abandoned creatures who have now added injury to insult to Washington. Can it be that a band of conspirators are hacking away at the palladiums of our liberties? Mr. Otto F. Henker of Dubuque, Iowa, writes: "A few days ago a friend of mine gave me a box of stamps to look over and in searching through the lot, I found a vertical pair of one cent of the current issue, as enclosed. At first I thought that one of the 'punch outs' of the perforation had adhered to the top stamp just over Washington's eye but I could not rub the blank away. Looking closely I found that George Washington was printed without an eye. You may determine for yourself if the omission is the result of a fault in engraving or not." The error indeed is a curious one as Washington's eye is missing and there is a blank in its place. The imperfection was caused doubtlessly by some foreign substance that caught the color at the point as the paper is not thinned at the spot.

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Connecting Link—From Mr. J. W. Fox, Pottsville, Pa., we have received a most interesting cover which has on its reverse side the following pasted label which is nearly three by four inches in size: "The Adams Express Company, S. A. Jones, Agent, Louisville, Ky., Will forward letters to the Confederate States when the following directions are observed: Enclose each letter in a U. S. Government Envelope—an ordinary envelope with a stamp affixed will not answer. The Company will forward and deliver at any point where it has an office, or will mail as near as possible to the point of address, paying Confederate postage, for a fee of 25 cents. The rate here given is for letters not exceeding 1-2 oz. in weight; each 1-2 oz. being charged 3 cents by U. S. Government and 25 cents by the Express Company." On the face of the envelope, which is addressed to a resident of Pottsville, Pa., are the postmarks, Richmond, Va., July 25, 1861 and Louisville, Aug. 1, 1861 and further, the "Paid 10" impression used in the Confederate States before the advent of stamps and the postmark form, "Adams Ex. Co., Louisville, Ky., July 31, 1861, over the three cent U. S. stamp of the 1857-60 issue. At this time, postal inter-

ruption between the north and south was almost complete and communication between the two sections existed only through the intermediary of the Adams Express Company through its agency in Louisville. Mr. Fox's envelope originated in Richmond and after ten cents were paid as a postal fee to the Confederacy, the Express Company carried the letter to Louisville, where the agent supplied the three cent stamp and postmarked it as indicated. The letter was carried in the northern mails from Louisville to Pottsville, where it arrived, August 10, 1861, according to an annotation on the face of the envelope.

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Data—Until recently, we had in our possession, a similar cover, which was sent from New Orleans to Louisville and then north. The envelope was the three cent stamped envelope, red on white, 1857-61, but it did not have the paster on the reverse. We assume that letters sent from the north to the south at the time had a label attached at Louisville the wording of which was changed to conform to the situation as it existed in the southern states. In the latter part of May, 1861, Postmaster-General Blair of the United States ordered the suspension of all postal communication with the states in rebellion, from May 31, 1861, and by July 10, 1861, the postal embargo was complete, it having been extended even to "Middle and West Tennessee." Several express companies at this period undertook to supply carrier needs between the belligerent sections but it was not long before the postmaster-general was importuned to interdict intercourse "between the loyal and rebellious States by private express or otherwise." The postal functionary observed that the necessary power to accomplish this end was not vested in him but was delegated to the war and treasury departments. However, the postmaster-general broached the subject to General McClellan, basing his representations on the president's proclamation of August 10, 1861, that all commercial interchange between "the insurgent State or the people thereof and the loyal States is unlawful." It was not long afterwards that the war and the treasury departments uttered prohibitions on the lines in question. On August 26, 1861, the post office department ordered the arrest of any "express agent or other persons" who thereafter engaged in furthering written intercourse between north and south. Subsequently, raids were made on clandestine mail depots in the "border states."

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In Alsace—We are indebted to the Rev. Joseph Dreyer, Westerly, Rhode Island, for further information on the subject of the use of French stamps in the occupied part of southwest Upper Alsace. Official announcement is made that the date of the opening of the offices was 11-2-15 or February 11th, 1915. A stamp enclosed by our correspondent bears a postmark of the opening day,—"Massevaux, 11-2-15, Alsace" and the Reverend Mr. Dreyer says: "Massevaux" stands for the German 'Masmünster,' and hence the French are doing in Alsace what the Germans have been do-

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By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Department of State.

No stamps ever printed for or by the United States government exceed in beauty the ones issued for the Department of State. Although the designs follow closely those of other departments, the rich shades of green attract the eye, while it seems to set off the beautiful engraving of the designs to such extent that they seem to the untrained eye to be even more carefully engraved than those of the other issues.

These stamps, as of all other departments, were issued for use on July 1, 1873. They were printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. The plates all contained 100 designs, each bearing the same portraits as of the current issues of regular postage stamps. In addition there were four "Dollar" values made, in denominations of \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20. These were printed with portraits of Seward, after the artist Carpenter, in black, with frame of green. The dollar values were about twice the size of the regular stamps.

Various shades of green are listed by Mr. Luff, each denomination having the following variety:

1c, 3; 2c, 3; 3c, 4; 6c, 3; 7c, 3; 10c, 3; 12c, 3; 15c, 3; 24c, 2; 30c, 2; 90c, 2; \$2, 2; \$5, 2; \$10, 2; \$20, 2.

A single plate only was made for each denomination, the following plate numbers being issued:

1c, 55	24c, 117
2c, 59	30c, 116
3c, 70	90c, 67
6c, 83	\$2, 121
7c, 112	\$5, 120
10c, 98	\$10, 122
12c, 78	\$20, 124
15c, 118	

CHIT CHAT ON POSTAL CARDS.

By MAITLAND MILLIKEN.

The great European War has doubtless seen many new cards issued for the soldiers serving their respective countries.

Many of the cards of Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador have elaborate lathework designs, which in some respects resemble the designs of bank notes. They were made by our friend, the late Nicholas F. Seebeck.

The sets of King George cards for many British Colonies are far away from being complete.

The country is full of Puerto Rico cards now. The holders are unloading them almost for a song. This country is easy to complete as the catalogue quotations are very reasonable on these 19 standard varieties.

Austria, Bavaria, Canada, Great Britain, Mexico, Portugal and Colonies and Sweden have had their Jubilee cards.

In the occupied territory of Belgium

The plate number of the portrait used in the dollar values was 123 in all cases.

Between May 24, and July 1, 1873, there were printed of all denominations and delivered to the Department of State, 60,495 stamps. Later additional supplies were provided.

The American Bank Note Co. printed the 15 cents and 30 cents on the soft porous paper used by that concern. These are scarce, and high in price, and well worth diligent search to find.

The following number of each denomination were issued during the years 1874 and 1884 (fiscal year ending June 30):

1c, 31,800	24c, 13,800
2c, 41,800	30c, 20,100
3c, 109,200	90c, 6,643
6c, 82,100	\$2, 3,508
7c, 37,800	\$5, 363
10c, 64,900	\$10, 363
12c, 20,800	\$20, 363
15c, 22,800	

Each denomination was overprinted with the word "Specimen", with other departments, in 1875. The error "Specimen" occurs in the 1c, 2c, 3c, 7c and 24 cents. Three printings were made of the 1c, with "Specimen" with a total of 25,000. Of these nearly all were sold. All other denominations were overprinted in lots of 10,000, and the following number of "Specimen" stamps were sold:

1c, 21,672; 2c, 5,145; 3c, 793; 6c, 467; 7c, 791; 10c, 346; 12c, 280; 15c, 257; 24c, 253; 30c, 249; 90c, 245; \$2, 32; \$5, 12; \$10, 8; \$20, 7.

Varieties in the State consist largely of so-called ribbed papers, found in all denominations. Town cancellations are scarce, and desirable.

the Germans are using surcharged "Belgien" on current German cards with values in centimes.

Brazil has been the delight of specialists in furnishing them minor varieties in multitude

Mexico heads the list with nearly 250 varieties, followed closely by Bavaria and Austria with 200 and 175 varieties respectively.

It is long since past time that Liberia should issue a set of four or five cards. She brought the last one out in 1892. We are still waiting for her to come forward with some new ones.

In the letter cards of Mexico, Newfoundland, Portugal and Colonies there is attached inside a smaller reply letter card. You never knew of it before?

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" " 1r, No. 10125
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Grenada, 3p white back25
Blocks \$1.00	

Jamaica 2sh (57)45
1sh (68)17
No. Borneo 1909, 1-24c set except 18c ..	.30
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1877, 1c gray, No. 2003
1c gray, No. 2003
2c orange, No. 2118
2c orange, No. 2114

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THE LEGEND OF ST. ILIA.

Le Journal des Philatelists explains the design of one of the set of Russia's war stamps in an interesting fashion.

The 1 kopeck depicts Saint Ilia of Mouron, an old Cossack of the epic songs of Russia, whose venerated remains are preserved in the catacombs of Kiev. The legend of St. Ilia is as follows:—

Ilia had been paralysed for thirty years, when one day he saw two godly old men approach his dwelling.

"Ilia of Mouron, son of a peasant," they exclaimed, "open your great gates and let us enter your house."

"Alas!" replied the cripple, "I have remained seated for thirty years; I can move neither arms nor legs."

"Raise yourself, Ilia, on your feet quickly, and open your great gates unto us."

Ilia indeed raised himself and went to open the gates for the strangers.

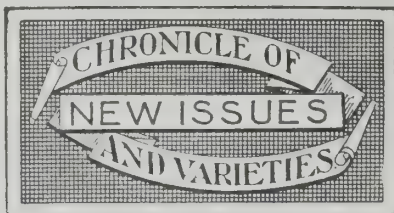
The latter then handed him a cup filled with a certain draught. Scarcely had Ilia drunk of the potion when his heroic heart warmed, and his body became moist with perspiration.

"What do you feel in you, Ilia?" asked the strangers.

"I feel a great power in me," he replied.

"Ilia, you will be a great hero; you shall not die in battle. Fight all the heroes and the audacious heroines, but struggle not with Sviatagor the bogatyr, for the earth can scarcely carry him, nor attack Samson the strong, on his head there are seven sacred hairs; nor struggle with the blood of Mikoula, it is cherished by Mother Earth; nor come to grips with Volga, it is not his strength that renders him invincible, but his cunning."

Ilia accomplished deeds worthy of Hercules. He set about the cultivation of Russian soil, rooting up the forests as a gardener roots out weeds; then, having bought a miserable hack from a peasant, he transformed it by parading it through the dew, into a magnificent courser. After which, Ilia took the field against the monsters and brigands who then infested holy Russia.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Homer R. Hendricks sends us a 5c stamp of the current issue, which is nearly covered with a nondescript precancellation, mostly black "smooch." We are obliged to accept Mr. Hendricks' word that it was intended to represent "Dallas, Texas."

AUSTRALIA.—Ewen's *Weekly* chronicles a new King George wrapper. Wrapper. 1/2d green on cream.

BARBADOS.—New letter cards have been issued with portrait of King George.

Letter Cards.

1/2d green. 1d scarlet.

BRAZIL.—Smith's *Circular* chronicles a registration envelope. The stamp is the same as the 1907 ordinary envelope, but the paper is blue, cloth-lined.

Registration Envelope.

300r sepia brown on blue; 153x103 mm.

BULGARIA.—We are still very much at sea in regard to the new postage due stamps. *Champion's Bulletin* mentions 10 and 20 leva stamps. We have actually seen the 10, 20 and 50s stamps, and now comes Ewen's *Weekly* with a chronicle of 5, 30 and 50 leva values. As *Champion* gives the colors of the 10 and 20 leva the same as the actual colors of the 10 and 20s stamps, and further as Bulgaria has never had any postage due stamps in the leva values, we wonder if our usually correct contemporaries have made a blunder in translating. For the present we shall chronicle no more of this set until actually seen.

CANADA.—M. F. Cassidy sends us a clipping from the Drayton (Ontario) *Advocate*, stating that the Canadian Government is shortly to issue a 2c post card to cover the "War Tax."

DOMINICA.—Maury's *Collectionneur* notes that a new series, with portrait of King George is being prepared.

DUTCH INDIES.—Red Cross Stamps and card are to be issued by this Colony shortly.

GERMANY.—Offices in Russian Poland.—Maitland Milliken reports having seen the 5pf single and 5x5pf reply cards of Germany both with divided face, overprinted "Russisch-Polen," as described in No. 1276. Possibly the 10pf single and reply cards have also been issued, though not yet seen.

Post Cards.

5pf green on cream. 5x5pf green on cream.

ITALY.—Maury's *Collectionneur* describes a Red Cross reply post card which was issued before the Italian Government had actually decided to join the Allies.

Red Cross Post Card.

7 1/2 x 7 1/2 red.

JAPAN.—Frank Kocher and Whitfield King & Co. have shown us the current 3c stamp, on both unwatermarked and watermarked paper, overprinted with two large characters, placed vertically. These are the same as the 1910 overprint, and signify "War Service."

LUXEMBURG.—C. G. Dietrich informs us that the issue of the provisionals 62 1/2c on 2 1/2fr, and 62 1/2c on 5fr, as noted in No. 1275 was a very small one. The 62 1/2c on 2 1/2fr was sold out in two hours after it had been put on sale.

NIGERIA.—Single and reply post cards of the King George type have made their appearance.

Post Cards.

1d red on buff. 1x1d red on buff.

PERSIA.—The series of stamps issued to commemorate the Coronation of the Sultan Achmed Schah, and dated "1914" have begun to appear. They were placed on sale April 23, and will be valid for one year. The values 1 to 24c show the imperial crown, 1 to 5k "Darius on his Throne" and 1 to 5 toman the "Gate of Palace of Persepolis."

RUSSIA.—According to Maury's *Collectionneur* a new series of stamps is being prepared. The values 1k to 7k will show a female figure sitting with sword and buckler, representing "Russia." This suggests the current Swiss stamps. The values from 10k to 70k will show the principal means of travel employed in Russia, as follows: 10k, a light drosky; 14k, a Siberian sledge; 15k, a reindeer; 20k, a camel; 25k, a dog team; 35k, locomotive; 70k, automobile. The 1, 2 and 3r high values have been reserved for historical monuments, including the Kremlin, the Convent of Jpatzeu and the Winter Palace, while the 5r will have a portrait of a member of the Romanof family.

TURKEY.—The Ottoman Empire is to have a new series of stamps, as the current series is printed in England and for obvious reasons further supplies are impossible to be secured.

THE NEED OF A. P. S. PROXIES.

In recent years it has been a source of great concern to the official board of the A. P. S. that the members of the Society have not given proper consideration to the matter of convention proxies. This year every member is earnestly requested to delegate someone to vote their proxy in case of inability to attend. The managing editor of the WEEKLY will be pleased to serve in this capacity. Address him, Willard O. Wylie, Beverly, Mass. Important business may be blocked by lack of proper representation.

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He is particularly desirous of securing information in connection with the 1/2d yellow series and is seeking to ascertain the earliest dates of issue of various printings. There are two particular varieties of the sixteen he has listed concerning which he is especially desirous of learning earliest dates and these are:—Crown CC perf. 12 1/2 clean cut 1866 yellow buff, and Crown CC perf. 14 1868 bright orange, brilliant color almost saffron, but with white back. Can any reader favor Mr. Williams?

THE 1911 VENEZUELA ISSUE.

By ELLIOTT PERRY.

In re Mr. McCabe's article on the 1911 Venezuelas in your issue of June 12, I call your attention, and his, to an article on these stamps in the P. S. N. of March 21, 1914.

The single printings of the 25c and 50c began to come through the mails in February or March last year. I have found one copy of the 15c, but none of the bolivar or the lower values. As the 5c and 10c have a solid background behind the head, they would not be so readily identified as the others which can be picked out at once by the fine or coarse hatching in the background. The yellow color of the bolivar stamp would help it to pass unnoticed by any but a careful observer, but now that you have given the subject publicity in such an interesting way if it exists, it will probably be found.

You may care to note that the current 25c has been coming in a lighter shade of blue for several weeks and this may be a permanent change of shade. The dark shade is still coming, however, and sometimes a cover has stamps of each shade. A higher value than 25c is badly needed and should appear at any time. Many covers require four or more 25c and the lack of a bolivar denomination must cause considerable inconvenience. Occasionally, the 50c "Instruccion", which is very like the current design, is used for postage.

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By HARRY E. HUBER.

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R. H. PERRY,
203 5th Ave., S. W., Aberdeen, S. Dakota.

OUR REBUS COVER CONTEST.

By courtesy of the *Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal*, we were permitted to give our readers a good philatelic rebus on the cover of our issue of May 29. Many subscribers have written us complimenting us upon our being able to provide this contest and expressing the desire that there may be more of them in the near future.

No doubt, a good many were discouraged from sending in their solutions because of their inability to find the nineteen stamps that were represented, notwithstanding we urged that incomplete lists be submitted where complete ones were not attainable.

It will be seen that we have a goodly number of successful contestants and it is with pleasure that we announce the result of the competition.

The list of stamps pictured follows and we give the country only, in order to permit the contestants to have a little further pleasure in locating the particular designs:—Central figure, *Greece*; first border surrounding figure, *Baden*; second border surrounding figure, *Russia*; third border surrounding figure, *Montenegro*; top and sides, *Madagascar*; scroll containing name, *Saxony*; cross beneath scroll, *Switzerland*; upper left hand corner, *Italy Special Delivery*; upper right hand corner, *Portugal*; inner upper left hand corner, *Crete*; inner upper right hand corner, *Norway*; inner lower left hand corner, *Netherlands*; inner lower right hand corner, *Bulgaria*; lower row: first, *Italy Commemorative*; second, *Mauritius*; third, *Austria*; fourth, *Germany*; fifth, *Belgium*; and sixth, *Bermuda*.

Nearly all of the successful contestants gave merely a list of the stamps, but a few showed artistic talent that should be recognized. From Leroy C. Brown, Olean, N. Y., we received a drawing of the cover design nicely executed and a correct list of answers. Mr. Brown is frank enough to say that his wife found seventeen out of the nineteen stamps pictured, so, while we award first honors to Mr. Brown, we presume he will be very willing to share the honors with Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. W. E. Underwood, Sparrows Point, Md., executed a similar drawing that was quite useful and in our list of answers, we have followed her method of describing the location of the several pieces of stamps pictured.

The entry of Wallace A. Wright, Methuen, Mass., is also entitled to special mention for his original method in answering the rebus. We wish that we had the space to print in full his entry. We therefore award highest honors in this contest to Leroy C. Brown, Olean, N. Y. Mrs. W. E. Underwood, Sparrows Point, Md. Wallace A. Wright, Methuen, Mass.

These contestants will please select any four books from our book list as printed elsewhere in this issue. We shall be willing to send a cloth bound Scott's catalog, 1915 edition, (or the new one when issued) if preferred.

Others who sent in complete lists and are entitled to a place on a roll of honor are the following:—

Arthur T. Hale	Howard Algeo
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Willard Newton	M. Borowsky
Franklin Williams	W. G. Birdseye
Harold K. Schoff	C. Edw. Wright
E. J. Strothkamp	E. P. Morehouse
J. B. Cayasso	Frank C. Clark

Miss Amelia Blydenburgh

These successful contestants are privileged to select any book desired from the book list published elsewhere in this issue.

A goodly number sent in lists that were incomplete, some lacking one solution and others up to three or four. We note the following:—

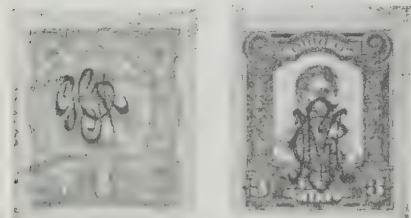
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MEXICAN NOTES.

By S. B. HOPKINS.

It will not be news to WEEKLY readers that the two warring factions in Mexico are issuing stamps of the 1910 issue with two different G. C. M. monograms printed on them in black. Both factions have been and are still using the "Gobierno \$ Constitucionalista" printed surcharges issued in Mexico City in 1914 before Villa and Carranza "fell out," but certain values of this issue became exhausted in Carranza territory as early as last December.

These were at first replaced by stamps with the large purple monogram (G C M) handstamped on them in the old familiar script style; later, arrangements were made in the new capital (Veracruz) for printing the surcharges and a small black monogram was printed on certain values in a very close imitation (script) of the large purple handstamped one.



Carranza Issue.

Villa Issue.

When the Villa offices began to run out of the "\$ surcharges" in certain denominations (2, 3, 5c), they also adopted a G C M monogram surcharge, printed in black, but entirely different in style and shape, with fancy letters and lots of hooks and curlicues.

The Carrancistas are the real, simon-pure Constitutionlists, followers of the original "first chief" of the Constitutional Government, Don Venustiano Carranza. They also have the original postmaster-general (or Director General of Posts, as they call him), Don Cosme Hinojosa. Their capital is at Veracruz, on the east coast, and they control all the southern and eastern States of the Mexican Republic.

The Villistas (or Conventionists, as they prefer to be called) claim to be loyal to the "military convention" which met at Aguascalientes last year and proclaimed itself the sovereign power of Mexico; but, as a matter of fact, they recognize no law except the will of their bandit leader, "Pancho" Villa. At the present writing (May 17th) they control only a few of the northern and western States (except for their alleged allies in Mexico City, followers of Zapata) and have fights on their hands in most of these.

As previously noted, the Carrancistas at Veracruz decided it was too much trouble to surcharge envelopes, postcards, etc., and authorized the use of the old 1910 stationery without any surcharge whatever; the Villistas, however, apparently think it worth while to put their trademark on theirs, as I have seen the 5c envelope with the fancy monogram above described, printed directly on the stamp.

In a "postoffice department" circular from Veracruz (Carrancista), dated February 25, 1915, it is directed that all offices having stamps of the 1910 issue with the "Gobierno \$ Constitucionalista" surcharge, the large purple (handstamped) G C M, the new black (script) G C M, or even the Villista G C M (some of these having been captured from the "Conventionists" in Mexico City and elsewhere), shall continue to use them pending the preparation of a permanent new issue.

In this same circular, mention is made of the penalties provided by law for postoffice employees who may be guilty of receiving and forwarding correspondence bearing stamps not properly

ly surcharged with one or other of the surcharges above described, and penalties are also provided for the punishment of private citizens or postoffice employees who may themselves surcharge (for their own use or for sale to the public) any of the obsolete stamp issues, it being stated that all supplies must come from the proper official source—the "Dirección General."

An interesting comparison may be made between the two factions on the basis of recent changes in the postal rates. While the Villistas have recently doubled all domestic rates, leaving intact the already doubled foreign rates, the Carrancistas have just published an order restoring the foreign rates to what they were before the revolution (in other words cutting them in half). Thus in Villa territory it now costs 10 centavos to mail a letter to any point in Mexico (as well as the U. S. and possessions, Cuba and Canada) and 20 centavos to other countries; while in Carranza territory you can now mail a letter to any place in Mexico, U. S. and possessions, Cuba and Canada for 5 centavos, and for 10 centavos to any other country.

CHANGES WROUGHT IN COLLECTING.

EDITOR SCOTT in Metropolitan.

Time brings many changes in our ideas. In the early days of stamp collecting many amateurs said they "collected foreign stamps" and as their own country was not foreign did not preserve U. S. stamps. They have now gone to the other extreme and large numbers confine their attentions entirely to the stamps of their native land. In the beginning we were told that they "collected stamps" and seemed to consider that the amateurs who bought their specimens were not playing the game fairly. Now we buy all, all above the boy age being ashamed to beg stamps. Again the majority of collectors wanted used stamps and when they found certain specimens could not be obtained bought new ones and cancelled them themselves. Now the finest collections are composed entirely of unused specimens. Our first customers neatly trimmed their specimens down to the lines of the engraving, cutting off perforations, making all uniform. Now they go to the other extreme and want all the margins possible, even to the extent of paying extra for corner specimens. The first idea was to paste their stamps so solid in the book that scores were ruined by their removal. Now we want the most peelable variety of peelable hinge and lose numbers by their being absorbed by our friends or lost by ourselves. After emerging from the pocket book era our prototypes wanted the largest and most elaborate albums they could find, plenty of blank pages for future issues. The modern amateur makes his collection as compact as possible so that it can be contained in the smallest space. Early stamp men were very patriotic. We lost the sale of many copies of the "Common Sense Album" because we were wicked enough to head one page "Confederate States" instead of Rebel States or the more popular "Copper head issues." Times change but stamp collecting goes on forever. Greater values, more enthusiasm, more study and better results. Those who have kept their early collections have reaped great rewards and avoided all regrets. The grandsons of our early customers are now dealing with us as their fathers did before them. A complete collection of the world's stamps is now impossible for the great majority but there are hundreds of lines which can be followed with success by the new comers which if persistently pursued will lead to as great results as the early achievements of our predecessors. The foundation of many a fortune started with the stamp collection, which if it did not bring cash results, inculcated habits of saving, steady perseverance, neatness and other virtues more enduring and happiness producing than wealth.

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Well we remember, notwithstanding the many years that have elapsed, the cyclonic storm of indignation that swept over every part of this republic when the post office authorities, in some whimsy, conceived in hebetic fatuity, undertook to substitute for the agreeably dry red of the then existing two cent stamp, a thing of horror printed in a particularly nauseating pale green. We do not believe that any veteran in the establishment at Washington over which the Hon. Albert S. Burleson now presides has forgotten the historic incident of the Sickly Green Stamp.

Mind you, there was no question of deterioration in the quality of the paper, in the regularity of the perforation, in the adequacy of the adhesive smearing. The offense was mainly against good taste, the sin was purely æsthetic. Yet, not for that reason was the popular uprising (which, it may perhaps be proper to observe, *The Sun* had the honor to organize and to lead to victory) less prompt, less fierce in its just wrath, less overwhelming in its practical unanimity. If the Post Office Department had not surrendered by the withdrawal of the spinach splashed tombstone which it had fatuously put forth as a two cent stamp—had not the Post Office Department gracefully placated the public indignation by restoring the cherished color of aurora and rosebuds—it is quite conceivable that the Administration might have gone to smash. Thrones have been overturned for less heinous crimes against the people's rights.

For weeks reaching into months, the purchasers of Mr. Burleson's two cent stamp have noticed with surprise and growing anger that it is not the good old reliable two cent stamp to which they had become accustomed. The hue of the ink has changed but slightly, if at all; the mucilaginous coating on the reverse has undergone no marked depreciation in efficiency, but all the crispness and toughness of the texture of the stamp itself has disappeared. This means that an inferior quality of paper is now used, and the most casual inspection of one of Mr. Burleson's postage stamps shows that such is the case. The fibre is so slushy, the paper is so soft, the perforation is so poorly done, that it is a work of delicacy and caution to separate a sheet of these stamps into its component parts without destroying from two to forty of the one hundred units and thus contributing to the revenues of Mr. Burleson's department a considerable percentage of excess taxation for which the Government makes no return in postal service rendered.

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Upon the taking of Vera Cruz, April 21st, 1914, by the U. S. navy all government offices were closed and placed under guard of navy or marines. Immediately after the arrival of the United States expeditionary forces (5th Brigade, 2nd Division, U. S. Army) in Vera Cruz, April 28th, 1914, all local Mexican government offices were taken over by the military authorities, and officers from the army, navy or marine corps placed in charge. The functions of these various offices were carried on as nearly as possible in accordance with existing Mexican laws.

Among the various offices was one for the sale of revenue stamps. As the collection of the various revenues was to be continued by the U. S., for the Mexicans, and there were no U. S. stamps available, the Mexican stamps found in the stamp office were checked up, and the number necessary to make sales until June 30th were surcharged by the U. S. government officials. The surcharge used was "Gov. U. S. A." applied with a hand stamp. Purple and black surcharges are known.

The following varieties of stamps found in the offices were surcharged and sold:

Documentos, (for contracts, deeds, etc.), 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 pesos.

Federal (for collection of Federal tax), 1, 5, 25c, 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 pesos.

Renta Interior (ordinary internal revenue) 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 pesos.

Hilazas Y Tejidos (fabrics), 1, 5, 20c, 1, 20, 100 pesos.

The *Renta Interior*, or "*Comun*" as it is commonly called, had been surcharged by the Mexicans for use as follows: *Alcoholes* (alcohol), *Bebidas Importadas* (imported drinks), *Capitales* (stocks and bonds), *Vinos Y Licores* (wines and liquors), *Cervezas* (beers) and *Seguros* (insurance).

All Mexican revenue stamps are surcharged with the district name of the district in which sold. When the stamp office was taken over those found in the salesroom had been surcharged "*Vera Cruz*" in addition to above surcharges, but those in the storeroom had not. When the supply in the salesroom was sold out, those taken from the store-

room were not given this surcharge, "*Vera Cruz*." This accounts for the three surcharges on some of the stamps. The actual number of these surcharged Mexican stamps sold I have been unable to ascertain.

The Mexican law requires the design of the revenue stamps to be changed on June 30th of each year. To meet this requirement a contract was made with the National Type and Paper Co. for the making of the necessary stamps for the year 1914-15. The Mexicans had the varieties of stamps shown above only and the U. S. made only two kinds (not including the cigar stamps). These were called "*Comun*" and "*Federal*", both varieties having talons. (The talon is a coupon, about one-half the size of the stamp proper, attached to the bottom. On certain classes of papers the talon is placed on the dealers' stub, and the stamp itself on the buyers' receipt.)

To meet requirements, the "*Comun*" stamp made by the U. S. was surcharged as follows: *Alcoholes*, *Bebidas Importadas*, *Capitales*, *Vinos Y Licores*, *Cervezas*, *Hilazas Y Tejidos* and *Seguros*.

Cigar, Cigarette and Tobacco stamps were at first surcharged "Gov. U. S. A." but later many were sold without this surcharge. The law did not require these stamps to be changed yearly, so only one new tobacco stamp was printed; that for boxes of 25 cigars. The supply of brown stamps for 100 gramme sacks of imported tobacco was about exhausted, so the small, green stamp for packages of native cigarettes was surcharged "100 Gramos. Tabaco Cernido y Rapé. Gov. U. S. A." with type in red.

Later the green stamp for 100 gramme sacks of native tobacco ran out, and again the small native cigarette stamp was surcharged, "National—100 Gramos. Tabaco Cernido Y Rapé Gov. U. S. A." with type in black.

The following is a close approximation of the number of stamps sold from July 1st to Nov. 19th, 1914, the date of the closing of the stamp office:—

Comun.—1c, 55000; 2c, 380000; 3c, 300; 5c, 70000; 10c, 77000; 25c, 28700; 50c, 14200; 1p, 42000; 5p, 5500; 10p, 4500; 50p, 350; 100p, 160.

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The stamps made by the U. S. were on unwatermarked, wove paper. Of the values from 1c to 5c some were perforated, some rouletted, and some were combinations of these methods, both vertical and horizontal. From 10c to 1 peso I have seen only rouletted, and the 5 peso, perforated.

Prior to the departure of the U. S. troops from Vera Cruz, on Nov. 23rd, 1914, all stamps not actually sold to the trade were taken out and burned under the supervision of an officer from the U. S. Army. The surcharged Mexican stamps were burned shortly after June 30th, 1914.

THE ORIGIN OF "MAUVE."

D. D. Berolzheimer has in mind our Philatelic Dictionary and submits the following candidate for the same. This information is taken from "The Chemistry of the Coal Tar Dyes," by Irving W. Fay, New York, '11:—

Mauve (Perkins' Violet), has the unique distinction of being the first dye to be made from coal-tar products on a commercial scale. W. H. Perkins in 1856, discovered it and put it upon the market in a form soluble only in alcohol. This expensive solvent limited its use to the dyeing of the most costly of all fibres, silk. Mauve has been long superseded by other dyes save for English postage stamps, which were colored with this mauve until the close of Queen Victoria's reign.

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Following Mr. Dockery's communication is another from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing signed by director Joseph E. Ralph, and it is of sufficient interest for us to make a goodly quotation from it. It would seem to indicate that a new 2c stamp, new so far as perforations are concerned, will soon be a reality. We quote as follows:

"The editorial article complains that an inferior quality of paper is now used and that the most casual inspection of one of the stamps would show this to be the case as 'the fibre is so slushy, the paper is so soft, the perforation is so poorly done, that it is a work of delicacy and caution to separate a sheet of stamps into its component parts without destroying from two to forty of the one hundred units.'

It is no doubt true that in attempting to separate the stamps the difficulty encountered would lead one to believe that the fault is due to inferior paper, but this is not so, as the standard quality has been fully maintained and the paper now in use is equal, if not superior, to any heretofore used.

The fact is that for many years the stamps were perforated with the perforations close enough together to permit of the stamps being readily separated without mutilating them, but as the automatic stamp vending machinery was developed and stamp affixing machines were devised it was found necessary to modify the style of perforating to meet the needs of these machines and the perforations were consequently placed further apart. This made the paper strong along the line of perforation than in the printed part of the stamp in many cases, and as a result, while the stamps were perfectly adapted for the mechanism of the vending machines, they gave difficulty to consumers who used them in sheets. By direction of the Postmaster-General steps have been taken to remedy this defect by making a closer perforation, which it is believed will entirely obviate any cause for complaint.

While the article states with regard to the two cent stamps that the hue of the ink is changed but slightly, if at all, I would add as pertaining to this subject that it would not have been surprising if the criticism of the stamp had referred entirely to the color, as it is a fact that the stamps that have been issued for the past several months have been of various shades of red, in some cases so decidedly different from the standard that it has been expected that some public criticism would be made regarding it. This variation is due to the

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

COMING AUCTION SALES.

Where an advertiser uses our columns to announce an auction sale, we shall extend the courtesy of a continued notice under the above heading. We do this not only to help the dealer but to assist the auction buyer:—

July 7—Eugene Klein, 142 So. 15th St., Phila., Pa. U. S., Portuguese Colonies and Philatelic Library.

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KANSAS CITY CELEBRATES.

By BILL BLOSS.

The writer was much pleased to discover on his arrival in Kansas City that the collectors there were quite as active as in other cities, and much more so than in many places we have visited.

It is only within the last two years that Kansas City has had an organized philatelic society. Several societies have been organized in the past, but have gone the way of so many stamp clubs and papers. The present organization is built to stay, and is growing larger every month. The members are firm in their intention to give Kansas City a place in the philatelic sun.

Collecting in K. C. is much more difficult than in New York or Chicago, for the reason that there are fewer dealers' stocks to draw upon, and also during the summer months, the balmy breezes drive all thoughts of stamps from the collectors' minds. In this city of beautiful homes there are too many things to do on a fine evening to devote much time to philately. Then only the most ardent collectors can resist the call of the boulevard and the smell of the gasoline on these fine evenings. Of course, on the rainy evenings, everyone gets out the album and mounts the new specimens or re-mounts the old.

United States is perhaps "collected stronger" in K. C. than in the other cities. Out of the entire membership of the society, it is safe to say that 75% are U. S. enthusiasts, and a good portion of the remaining 25% are interested, though they collect other countries. Many of the collectors have spent no little time in studying their stamps and even the beginners seem to be well versed in the various phases of our country's stamps.

There is a spirit of good fellowship behind the society that is too often missing in organizations of this nature. The financial side of philately does not enter into their transactions, and instead of each member working for himself, they are united and working for the common cause, to elevate collecting in their city and to make the hobby more pleasant for each other. If collectors in cities not having societies could know of the benefits to be gained from organizations of this order, there would be numerous new societies started at once. No matter if the membership is only a half dozen, those collectors can profit from their experience in working together.

On Saturday evening, June 19th, Mr. William C. Michaels invited the entire society, and the writer, to his beautiful home at Sunset Hill, and a most enjoyable evening was had. Mr. Michaels exhibited his fine collection of United States stamps, contained in nine volumes very attractively "written up," and explained the points of interest. His collection is claimed to be the finest in the city, and contains an array of early covers, cancellations, oddities, and choice philatelic pieces sufficient to gladden the heart of the most skeptical collector.

Not only has Kansas City a nest of live collectors, and a healthy philatelic society, but also she has the Kansas City Stamp & Coin Company, a regular stamp shop, presided over by Mr. Sidney H. Barnes, a collector of experience, and a gentleman of most pleasing personality. Mr. Barnes is secretary of the philatelic society, and a most enthusiastic member. He is popular with the collectors for the reason that he always has the latch string out and is "at home" every time they call.

Kansas City is famous now for the "Kansas City roulettes." The story of these stamps has been published several

times and needs no repeating. The stamps are an authentic issue of the Post Office here, and the limited supply was sold entirely without speculation to the public. Outside of the collections of several members, and one or two very limited quantities held by Mr. Barnes and local collectors, there are none of the stamps available here. However, as it is possible to "fake" a roulette of this kind, it is advisable that collectors only purchase the stamps bearing the O. K. of a reputable dealer and sold with a copy of the affidavit.

A great many collectors will be traveling through the west this summer and I can assure those contemplating a stop-over in Kansas City that the local collectors will give them a royal welcome. Make it a point to go west through Kansas City and get acquainted with the fellows out here. It will be worth while.

I must again request the readers to save all inquiries until my return to Chicago in the fall. I am not at present situated to handle the volume of correspondence involved, and cannot answer any letters, either through the paper or privately. This will also apply to letters received by me in the past three weeks, which I will hold until my return, at which time I will be at the disposal of the readers and will be glad to hear from everyone.

SALE OF NEW ENGLAND STAMP CO.

Just as we go to press, we learn that the old established business of the New England Stamp Co. of this city has changed hands. Messrs. Batchelder and Putney have both retired and the general management of the business has fallen upon the shoulders of James H. Lyons, who has been long employed by the firm.

Mr. Lyons will be remembered as the proprietor of the Colonial Stamp Co. and for years the Boston representative of the *Weekly Philatelic Era*. He understands the stamp market as few men know it and his lifelong acquaintance with stamps makes him admirably fitted for the great responsibility placed upon him. The firm will continue to be represented in our advertising columns.

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We shall spend Thursday, Aug. 5, or Friday, Aug. 6, at San Diego, Cal., and the four following days in Los Angeles and Pasadena. Here we expect to live a life more strenuous than even the office life of managing editor of a stamp paper.

We shall reach San Francisco, Wednesday, Aug. 11, and remain there through the 18th, when we shall leave for Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek. We shall reach Chicago, Sunday, Aug. 22, and spend Tuesday, Aug. 24, in Fulton, N. Y.

We expect to reach home Aug. 26.
THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Proposed—The Director General of the Pan-American Union, Washington, John Barrett, has received a letter from the President of the Cincinnati Board of Trade that gave him a start of surprise, glad or sad, we cannot say exactly which. The letter conveys a suggestion not originating with the President of the B. of T. but enthusiastically relayed by him. The idea is that a series of postage stamps be adopted and in this connection, the president aforesaid well says: "This is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the use of postage stamps and would be an appropriate year in which to inaugurate this new plan." For the news, we are indebted to the Cincinnati Enquirer of June 24th, which says further that the letter followed a suggestion from Mr. C. A. Aerts, "who considers that one of the most effective means of building up friendly relations between the United States and South American republics, especially at this time, would be to inaugurate a Pan-American postage stamp of different denominations to be used exclusively on business between the United States and South and Central American countries and also between these countries. The

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Just Like This—The sponsors of the suggestion are not content merely to present the plan so baldly that the mind of the postal chief cannot grasp it, but as showing that they have pondered the subject and that it is not a dream-child, they offer the suggestion that the head on the postage stamp be that of "one of the popular heroes of each country, such as Washington, Bolivar, etc. The stamp might be made a trifle larger than the ordinary postage stamp; namely, the same size as souvenir postage stamps, which are issued from time to time and might be of a distinctive color." Somebody is always taking the joy out of life for the post office department; and it would prove highly diverting, if not elevating, to hear the P. O. D. express itself on the idea that is so pleasantly conveyed to it. Yet who knows what eventually will result from a proposal of this kind? We do not.

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Another Carrier—We have secured details of the operation of a second express post that was in existence between the states of the north and of the south as a letter-carrying institution for some time after the cessation of the mails between the two sections. The company was known as the American Letter Express Company, and as in the case of the Adams' Express Company, the distributing office was at Louisville, Ky. The American Letter Express Company was in business as early as June, 1861, and it was understood that its methods of the interchange of mails was not disapproved of by the postmaster general at the time of its earlier activities. Later, its operations were forbidden; and although for a period it was regarded as a convenience for and a benefit to the people of both north and south and as a consequence must have received no little patronage we have not seen any envelope with markings that showed it had been carried by the American Letter Express Company. The instructions of the company for postal intercourse with the south were based on the following lines. The letter, enclosed in a three cent stamped envelope of the United States bearing an address in the secession states, was enclosed in another envelope with the ordinary stamp on it, directed to the American Letter Express Company, at Louisville, Kentucky. At the same time twenty cents' worth of U. S. stamps were enclosed out of which the company paid the postage, five or ten cents, as the case may have been, to the office within the confederacy; and the rest of the stamps was retained as a fee by the express company. It may be added that by law express companies were permitted to carry letters only when they were enclosed in U. S. stamped envelopes.

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No Trifling, Please—A story in the Saturday Evening Post of July 1st is marked by a reference to stamp collecting. A colloquy is indulged in by a doctor,

specializing in nerve diseases and a splenetic old American whose irritability is charged against "the national bane," dyspepsia. Doc prescribed that crabbed Croesus take up a hobby and suggested the one in which he was interested, "scarabs." "What are scarabs?" erupted the sufferer. "Egyptian hieroglyphs," explained the doctor. "What are Egyptian hieroglyphs?" pressed the pestiferous one. Hereupon, the doctor observes to himself "whether it would have not been better to advise Mr. Peters to collect postage stamps." We commend the doctor for advising a hobby for the victims of nervous and other diseases but we insist that he show a respectful attitude towards stamp collecting. We shall not invite any comparison, dispensing on this occasion with the well-known "invidious," between scarabs and stamps but we would have doc know that stamps can hold their heads up in the most select or learned society. Vide our ordinary catalogues, now a thousand pages in extent.

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Those Were The Days—In a recent number of Harper's Weekly, we read in the study of "The Heart of a Boy" that "in the winter" among other things, they (the boys of his community) "traded stamps." We can appreciate this simple statement and finally, if any collector now turned forty who had an album as a boy cannot enter into the spirit of it, we miss our guess. Do you remember that cold, elfin night in December, 1885, when little Willie Whiffet brought his album and duplicates to your home at the invitation of your mother and how you had a trading bee in the cosy parlor under the approving eyes of your parents. You were happy as you thought that you were getting the better of Willie in the trade, and just as Willie was about to depart, your mother brought out the four-layer White Mountain cake.

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Literature Sale Catalogue—The sale catalogue of the Alfred Smith Philatelic Library has reached its fifth part; in it the periodicals, Brazil to Great Britain, are listed. In Canada, we find a price of five pounds attached to the Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette of St. John, New Brunswick, Volumes I-II (1865-67) complete. Volume I of the Stamp Argus was published likewise at St. John in 1865; and these two journals are the earliest published in Canada. We find that Bogota, Colombian Republic is credited with three different periodicals, the first of which, *Heraldo Filatelico*, was published in 1886. The *Coleccionista* of Bogota published 1904-1906 was an excellent paper and it was the only philatelic publication that we remember ever having received from Colombian Republic. Brazil and Chile have both produced stamp papers of merit somewhat freely and Costa Rica has been represented by several well-known journals.

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7.00 P. M.—Stamp Exhibition and Mart at the Stewart Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 11.

10.00 A. M.—Business Session.
12.00 M.—Official Photograph will be taken at the north front of Auditorium Building.

2.00 P. M.—Bay Excursion. Leaves Howard Street Wharf on Crowley Boat.
7.00 P. M.—Traditional Banquet at the Clift Hotel, 495 Geary Street, southeast corner of Geary and Taylor Sts.

THURSDAY, Aug. 12.

10.00 A. M.—Final Business Meeting. All remainder of the day and evening at the Exposition Grounds. This is "Official Day" of the American Philatelic Society. Exercises at 2.30 P. M. in the California Building.

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THE STAMPS OF GERMANY.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

THE SEVENTH ISSUE.

In 1889, stamps of a new design appeared, the 10pf being issued on October 1st, and the others shortly afterwards, all being on sale before the end of November. In several cases, too, the colors were changed, this probably being due to a more rigid adherence to Postal Union regulations. The 3 and 5 pfennig stamps were alike in design and show a large, uncolored numeral, with PFENNIG curved below, on an upright oval of solid color. An Imperial crown surmounts the oval, REICHSPOST is on a straight label at the base, while the balance of the design consists of elaborate ornamentation. The 10, 20, 25 and 50pf are all alike in design and show the Arms on a circle in the center with REICHSPOST on a straight tablet above and the numerals of value at the base with "PF" on each side of these on small scrolls. The sides are ornamented, though not so heavily as in the lower values. It should be noted that the small shield shown on the eagle's breast is nearly as tiny as that on the first issue which was rejected as heraldically incorrect.

All the stamps of this series were surface printed—probably on the score of expense—and Mr. Westoby describes the method of their manufacture as follows:—

Fifty impressions are struck in lead by a fly-press from the original die, and after being clamped together in five rows of ten, are put into a bath, and copper deposited on them to the thickness of 1 1/2 mm. (1/16 inch). This plate serves as a matrix for making the printing plates by the electro process, each plate consisting, therefore, of fifty stamps; and when it has been steeled (that is, after a film of steel has been deposited on its surface), and backed up with type-metal to the necessary thickness, it is fit for printing.

The sheets contain 400 stamps, divided into four panes of 100 each, arranged two and two, and each pane is subdivided by a space of 5 mm. into two portions of fifty each, so that each sheet of stamps measures about 21 3/4 inches deep by 18 3/4 inches wide.

The paper as received from the mills is in rolls of the width of two sheets. On one side is a centimetre scale, each centimetre being marked on the margin by a violet line about 6 mm. long, while on the other margin is the word REICHSDRUCH-

EREI (Imperial Printing Office) in short, wide capitals, about 7/8 in. apart, so that when the paper is cut down the middle, either the scale or the word, appears on the outside margin of each sheet. The gumming is done before the paper is cut into sheets by passing it under a felt roll kept charged with liquid gum; it is then carried forward on laths, fixed to an endless chain, into the drying room, which is heated by steam pipes. After drying, it is again wound onto a drum, smoothed, and cut into sheets. . . . In the printing, on the sides and bottom of each pane, is a marginal border of lines, 2 mm. long, and about thirteen of them to each 5 mm., with the same object as what are called Jubilee lines in the English stamps, and at the top, over each vertical row of ten is printed the price. Thus, in a pane of 100 stamps of 3 pfennig, over the first vertical row is 0.30, over the second 0.60, and so on to 3.00.

After the printing, the sheet is divided horizontally, each half sheet being 10 1/2 in. deep by 18 1/4 in. wide. They are then perforated by comb-machines in layers of six, the perforation commencing from the side of the stamps, and not from the top or bottom, as in England. Four perforating machines perforate 60,000 of these half-sheets per day.

As a safeguard against counterfeiting, the stamps were provided with secret marks and again I am indebted to Mr. Westoby for a description of these, viz:—

From the commencement of the series down to 1892 the impression was on white wove paper, on the back of which horizontal bars were printed with phenolphthalein, which were quite invisible until acted upon by certain chemicals. Since 1892, the sheets have been printed on the face, with a design, repeated as is requisite, consisting of a crown in the upper left, and a posthorn in the lower right, while in the upper right and lower left are the Arms. This, also, is printed with phenolphthalein, which, from its name, we conclude to be a compound of phenol and a hydrocarbon.

But, notwithstanding these secret impressions, the 10pf was extensively counterfeited on at least two occasions. The first of these forgeries was discovered early in 1891, as shown by the following paragraph from one of the London newspapers of January 30th in that year:—

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Berlin, January 29th.—Great curiosity has of late been aroused, on account of letters bearing ten-pfennig stamps invariably arriving behind time. It now appears that the delay was occasioned by the fact that the postal authorities were examining all stamps of that denomination with a view to discovering the manufacturers of a large quantity of counterfeit stamps, estimated at ten millions, known to be in circulation. The counterfeits are almost perfect fac-similes of the genuine stamps, and only show a slight faultiness in the perforation. The counterfeits have now been discovered to be Messrs. Bauer Brothers, lithographers, of Hoechst, the imperfect perforating machine being found upon their premises.

The second forgery was made in 1895, and, by all accounts, was by no means a clever one. It is described in the Monthly Journal for February, 1896, as follows:—

Last November, forged stamps of the 10 pfennig denomination were discovered at Ridorf, one of the suburbs of Berlin. They were manufactured by a printer, Julius Rose, who has been arrested. The forgeries are made by lithography instead of typography, and, have therefore, a washy appearance. They lack the invisible background of eagles, post-horns, and crowns, which is the characteristic of the genuine stamps now in circulation; besides, the perforation is 10 1/2, instead of 13 1/2 by 14 1/2, and the gum is replaced by glue. The forgeries being so easily detected, no great number of them got into circulation.

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As all values except the 2pf were current for eleven years many printings took place and shade varieties are fairly numerous.

The 3, 10, 25 and 50 pfennig are known imperforate and though used copies exist it is not believed that any were ever sold from a post-office in this condition. It is said that in 1889 a few sheets entirely imperforate were received by the chief Post-office in Berlin from the printing office and these were handed over to the Postal Museum. The Museum authorities sold a number of these to obtain funds for adding to its collection of postage stamps and some thus sold were passed through the mail by those collectors who wanted even errors of this kind used.



Reference List.

- 1889-1900. Perf. 13 1/2 by 14 1/2.
- 42. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 51.
 - 43. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 45.
 - 45. 5pf green, Scott's No. 46.
 - 46. 10pf rose, Scott's No. 47.
 - 47. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 48.
 - 48. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 49.
 - 49. 50pf chocolate, Scott's No. 50 or 50a.

(To be continued.)

LIST OF B'S WANTED.

We are indebted to several of our readers for lists sent in connection with our Philatelic Dictionary soon to be commenced in the WEEKLY. Awards will be made in the very near future.

We would now like lists of B's and our subscribers are requested to send in lists of such philatelic words or terms commencing with the letter B that should properly be included in such a dictionary. Study your stamps and let us know the result of your labors. All lists must be in by July 15.

THE NEED OF A. P. S. PROXIES.

In recent years it has been a source of great concern to the official board of the A. P. S. that the members of the Society have not given proper consideration to the matter of convention proxies. This year every member is earnestly requested to delegate someone to vote their proxy in case of inability to attend. The managing editor of the WEEKLY will be pleased to serve in this capacity. Address him, Willard O. Wylie, Beverly, Mass. Important business may be blocked by lack of proper representation.

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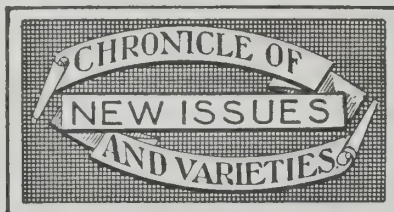
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UNITED STATES.—W. A. Langdon has shown us a strip of 12 stamps, 2x6, which bears plate No. 6568, and also to the right, "Coil Stamps," the latter in large Gothic letters, the two words measuring 5x60 mm. Mr. Langdon says these are being issued in sheet form with this "Coil Stamps" imprint.

S. E. Colman submits for our inspection a block of four 2c stamps with the new 10 3/4 perforation. It is designed to remedy the difficulties that have been experienced in having a perforation that would either break too easily or as in the case of the perf. 10 be difficult of separation.

E. E. Wells sends us a copy of the 75c parcel post stamp, which has a large blotch, evidently caused by a scrap of paper falling on the plate while printing, which covers parts of the "E" and "N" in "Cents."

AUSTRALIA.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles a new 1d envelope with portrait of King George.

Envelope.

1d carmine.

BOSNIA.—Otto Weismann informs us that the 30h, 35h, 40h, 45h, 50h, 72h and 1k, 2k, 3k, 5k and 10k values of the 1912 set have been overprinted "K u K Feldpost" like the other values previously reported.

CANADA.—Mrs. Oughtred kindly sends us a specimen of the 3c war tax stamp, green, in the oblong rectangular shape uniform with the 1c, 2c, 5c and 10c values previously chronicled. Mrs. Oughtred writes that she has also seen the 13c rose in the same design.

Revenue Stamp.

3c green.

GREAT BRITAIN.—According to the Post Office Circular the series of embossed postage stamps, bearing the portrait of King George, has now been completed by the introduction of stamps at the following rates: 1 1/2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 10d, 1s. The colour of each resembles that of the adhesive stamp of the same denomination. The new stamps will not be used at present on any stationery issued for sale at Post Offices, but only on private stationery impressed with postage stamps by the Inland Revenue Department. Telegram forms bearing 6d and 10d stamps of the new pattern will be issued to Post Offices later.

HONDURAS.—George A. d'Hemecourt reports the 10c brown of the current lithographed series has been surcharged "5 Cent" in black.

Provisional Adhesive.

"5 Cent" on 10c brown.

INDIA.—According to Ewen's Weekly there appears to have been several settings of the overprint in use at the same time, and applied at convenience without discrimination to any of the first nine denominations of the "I. E. F." stamps. This is distinguishable by the defective letters showing in relative positions on several different values, and not on other sheets of same denominations.

The most interesting error found is the double stop after "I. E. F.", found on the 2a and 3a. The error no stop after "I. E. F." is more plentiful and found on six of the values: 1/4a, 1a, 2a, 3a, 8a and 12a.

The most prominent varieties in the letters are: Thick "I" and joined angles of "EI" which appear on the 1a, 2a and 3a values, and contained in the same blocks of six, as the error double stop after "F."; no foot stroke to "I", 1/2a; large top and short foot stroke to "I", 1r. Slightly defective or battered letters are found on all ten values.

Hyderabad.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles two values in a new series of stamps for this state, the inscription reading "Post and Receipt."

Adhesives.

1/2a green.
1a red.

ITALY.—According to the London Telegraph, Italy has marked its entry into the war by some postal issues. A 10c envelope has been produced, intended exclusively for correspondence addressed to the Italian army. It is a large, stone-coloured envelope, with the impression of the 10c stamp of 1906 in the upper right corner, and the heading at top, "R. Esercito Italiano" (Royal Italian Army).

Two official postcards have also been issued. These have no denomination expressed upon them. One is for the use of the army, and bears the inscription, "Correspondenza del R. Esercito Italiano" (Correspondence of the Royal Italian Army), and in the upper right-hand corner is a representation of the Italian Coat of Arms. The size and style of the card resembles the ordinary postcards for use by the public.

The second kind of card (which measures 137 1/2 mm by 90 mm), as the inscription, "R. Marina" (Royal Navy), shows, is intended to serve for the correspondence of sailors on service with the Italian Fleet.

A double postcard of the face value 15 centesimi (7 1/2 + 7 1/2c) has been issued for the Croce Rossa Italiana (Italian Red Cross). Each part bears an effigy of the late King Humbert. On the first part in addition to the portrait are the Italian Arms, and the printed address "Alla Presidenza della Croce Rossa Italiana, Rome." The other part has in place of the arms the Geneva Cross, with the inscription "Convenzione di Ginevra 22 Agosto 1864." The use of this double card is for writing inquiries to the Red Cross on the subject of wounded, missing, or captured soldiers, the second part being used by the society for the reply.

NEW BRITAIN.—German New Guinea, being now a British possession, the entire of said colony had to be surcharged accordingly. Mr. Schachne has shown us the provisional postal cards, all having the ship stamp and the surcharge consists of two lines in black: "G. R. I." on the first line and the denomination in British currency below.

Post Cards.

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- "2 pence" on 10pf.
- "2 pence" on 10pf first half of reply card.
- "2 pence" on 10pf second half of reply card.

ST. VINCENT.—Ewen's Weekly says: "On examining the intact sheets of 120 stamps amongst supplies of the provisional ONE PENNY on 1sh, we found it impossible to determine what number of stamps may have been surcharged at an operation, as no two sheets were similar or showed the different measurements in spacing of overprint in relative positions or adjacent lines. The spacing between the two lines varies from 6 1/2 mm. to 10 mm. Those measuring 7, 7 1/2, 8 and 8 1/2 mm.

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"Other interesting varieties found in the surcharge are: Long type "N" of 'ONE'; Thin type 'PE' of 'PENNY'; Double 'PE' of 'PENNY'; Long type 'NN' of 'PENNY.' The varieties are repeated in different positions on different sheets, but all do not appear on all sheets.

"Very limited numbers have so far been placed on the market and the local speculators, who bought out and cornered the issue, have apparently now decided to run the price considerably higher than first quoted. Copies postally used at date of issue, January 30, 1915, are certainly scarce, the speculators having kept their holdings, as acquired, in mint condition."

TOGO.—The stamps of Gold Coast have now been over-printed for use in the captured German colony of Togoland. The over-print is in small ordinary type, reading in three lines "TOGO — ANGLO - FRENCH — OCCUPATION." The over-printing is done at Accra, and that there is a full series, comprising the following denominations: 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 2s 6d, 5s, 10s and £1. The 3d and 5s values are the surface-coloured paper varieties of the Gold Coast stamps.

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A 10 3/4 PERF. ISSUED.

After wrestling with the proposition of producing a perforation that shall satisfy the general public as well as the manufacturers of stamp coils, the Department has evolved a new perforation measuring 10 3/4. We are indebted to S. E. Colman for specimens of the 2c value. Mr. Colman advises us that it is very doubtful whether the 50c regular issue and 10c Panama-Pacific will ever appear perforated 10. The P. O. Department has not as yet decided that the new perforation shall be permanent and it is evidently being given a try-out.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

E. M. CARPENTER, Pres.; W. L. ALDRICH, Vice-Pres.; F. W. STILES, 310 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass., Sec.; OSCAR HILL, Foreign Sec.; G. CARLETON RUSSELL, 38 Wellesley Park, Dorchester, Mass., Treas.; J. H. LYONS, Supt. Auctions; H. A. KIDDER, Supt. Sales; A. W. DUNNING, Supt. Bourse.

Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

June 15, 1915.

The 338th (regular meeting) of the Society was called to order by Pres. Carpenter at 8.10 p. m. Mr. A. H. Hall was elected to membership. The committee appointed to purchase a lantern reported a substantial subscription for this purpose and hope that every member will respond. There was an auction sale during which a number of lots were sold for the benefit of the Society's collection, the auctioneer, Mr. Lyons, donating his entire commission to the same. Mr. Tuttle brought his collection of Chinese stamps to the meeting, showing a great variety of cancellations, etc. There were 30 members present, the meeting adjourning at 10.15 p. m.

F. W. STILES, Sec.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—C. W. Kissinger, president of the S. P. A., was one of the party visiting the San Francisco Exposition on the Shriner's Special.

—H. S. Dickey of Newton, Kans., calls our attention to the fact that there is a lengthy stamp story in the July number of the *Black Cat Magazine* and "a good one, too, at that." Mr. Dickey adds: "See the advertising notice that this magazine puts on its front cover page and read the story. It's a good kind of stamp publicity for outside publications to give our hobby."

—L. A. Beebe, Yonkers, N. Y., is engaged in the organization of a Poster Stamp Exchange, and will be glad to hear from interested parties.

—Arc. Olivier submits for our inspection a specimen of the new 2c red Canada post card chronicled two weeks ago. He also advises us that the design of the 1c and 2c King George issued in book form is larger than that found upon the regular stamp, the variations extending from 1/4 to 3/4 of a millimetre. These differences in measurement have in the past been held to indicate difference in the shrinkage of the paper. In addition to the 1, 2, and 5c of the new revenue set, the 10c has appeared in olive green, 25c in red and the 50c in dark brown.

—Recently a note appeared in the WEEKLY asking for the present address of Glen B. Frentz. He can be found at Box 22, Sta. A, San Antonio, Tex.

—The Co-Operative Exchange, 1496 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., is taking steps to procure judgment against the McGraw Stamp Co., of Detroit, Mich., and would like the names of any dealers to whom the firm owes money.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Z. Dworkowski; D. D. Berolzheimer, Victor G. Loly, P. G. Moore (2), Hugo Kuenstler (4), and H. Kessler Smith, Jr.

—The Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Canada, has purchased the stock of C. H. Holden, Detroit, Mich.

—W. H. Suydam of Highwood, N. J., would like to hear from dealers who have become acquainted with G. H. Spooner, formerly of Revere, Mass., and who can give him his present address. Letters written his references are returned unclaimed.

—Mr. Zoss, Salt Lake City, Utah, will learn something to his advantage by sending his correct address to Herman Schmidt, 60 Nassau St., New York.

—The U. S. Commerce Reports just at hand state that in view of the war in Europe the Chinese Ministry of Finance has decided that postage stamps be manufactured and printed by the Government Engraving Bureau at Peking.

—The American Medical Association held a Health Conservation Day at the Exposition Auditorium, San Francisco, June 23. We notice that Dr. John M. Holt of *Everybody's Philatelist* gave a talk on "Dysentery".

—F. E. Prohaska, 121 Hutton St., Jersey City, N. J., would like to hear from dealers who can correspond with him to advantage in connection with one Thurlow of Wheeling, W. Va. and C. Hall, Chicago, Ill.

—"Upon reading Mr. Cabeen's splendid write up of the Venezuela, 1911, issue, I went through my duplicates in search of the two designs of the 25c and 50c. It may be of interest to you and Mr. Cabeen to know that I also found the 15c in both designs. He states: 'The 25c and 50c are found in this new design and it is improbable that the other values were issued.'—WM. H. CAMP.

NEW TOGOS.

New provisionals have been issued for use in Togo. They consist of the Gold Coast set from 1/2 penny to 20 shillings, surcharged in three lines TOGO—ANGLO-FRENCH—OCCUPATION. According to the *Stamp Lover*, the overprinting is done at Accra and an interesting feature in connection with this

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Indo China, 10x5c, second issue, type of 190710
French Morocco, 10x5c, French Protectorate10
Monaco, 10x5c, type of 190110
Reunion, 10x5c, on 1907 issue, red surcharge15
Dahomey, 10x5c, type of 191310
French Guinea, 10x5c, type of 191310
Ivory Coast, 10x5c, type of 191310
Mauritania, 10x5c, type of 191310
Senegal, 10x5c, type of 191310
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McKeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass. [cowl]

provisional stamp is the fact that the 3d and 5sh are white-backs.

N. P. S. CONVENTION.

July 22, 23, 24, 1915, the National Philatelic Society will hold its third annual convention in New York City. This is the first stamp convention to be held in New York in fifteen years, and from reports received the attendance will be the largest ever seen in New York at a convention of this kind. The committee on arrangements has met several times to formulate plans to entertain the visiting members. The convention will be called to order July 22, 8 P. M., in the large ball room of the Aschenbroedel Hall, 144 East 86th St. On July 24, the visiting members will be the guests of the N. Y. Ph. Ex. Soc. on a trip to Coney Island, Luna Park, etc., in two special cars.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE LOST VOICE.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

I had just finished tidying up in the two rooms and the patio of the tent-house when Frevor Moore swung from his horse and headed for the hammock. "Oh! come with me and I will do thee good!" he chanted, gleefully, as we clasped hands.

"Thank you, no: I've been done twice this morning, and a third time will sure make me peevish."

We sat in the shade while Moore listened to the process, all of which shall be another story, "spoiled in the tellin'," as Jimmy O' would say.

"There will be a gathering o' the clans this morning," said Moore, when he was done laughing. "Jimmy O' will arrive, eventually, with Eddy Fyne, and when the day gets more feverish Johnny Williams will amble in on that pinto of his. You'll love Johnny. He is a college man who has sloughed his culture and talks Western as if he were to the manner born. It's the same thing with Jimmy O'. That boy is an undergraduate of a fresh-water college. In spots, you will recognize the culture he can't suppress. Johnny is different,—and, by the way; you're Ann Arbor born, and should know him or his people."

I raked my memory, but I could not recall the name, strive as I would.

We sat in the patio the allotted time. Jimmy and Eddy Fyne were late. When they arrived, they tied their weary horses to the ground, and Jimmy O' began at once his usual monologue, where, evidently, he had left off pouring it into Eddy's unheeding ears:

"And say! He sure can sing! Why, that there Campanari who pulls 'em on their feet at the May Festivals can't hold a candle to him. No, sir. First time I ever heard 'im I sat on a rock an' wept real tears—me, Jimmy O'. It was at a Mexican kid's funeral. No one there but the kid's father an' mother an' sister an' Eddy here an' me."

"Me, too—I turned my back," as-severated Eddy, shamefacedly.

"And who," broke in Moore, "who may it be that has made Campanari a back number?"

"Johnny—Johnny Williams. An' while we wait, might I read somethin' fresh and startlin' in the Chiny sur-charge column—or is it Greece today? or Montenegro?"

Jimmy rummaged among my philatelic papers and dug up his favorite. Eddy Fyne promptly fell asleep with a prehistoric metate for a pillow. Moore looked quizzically upon the somnolent Eddy, the literary Jimmy, and then sought solace in a long draught from the gourd at the olla. Then he lighted his pipe, and blew smoke rings till the air was full of them.

It was past noon when Eddy woke up, and Moore put away his pipe as Jimmy O' finished the last "ad" on the last page. Then we had lunch, the incomparable Eddy acting as cook and waiter. The siesta followed, and in mid-afternoon, when all were refreshed I dragged forth the phonograph.

Let it be known that the phonograph is another story, but I'll tell it here, in part. It was camp property, once, held in common, to which a bunch of diverse tastes had contributed cylinders. You might hear the raucous voice of a ballad-singer, or the wondrous notes of a grand opera star; coarseness and crudeness or fineness and finish; all were here, all dependent upon the taste of the record-buyer.

I wound and rewound the machine. Then finally we began the really excellent records. "Il Trovatore" was the first, and the galaxy lengthened with the day. When the last was ended, I looked at Jimmy O'. His face was a study. It was the surprise of my life,—the face of a man who knew music and loved it and who, I felt in my heart, would have his stained soul in it and die content.

Jimmy came to me at once and thanked me in a voice and with a manner I would never have associated with

the Jimmy O' of a few hours ago. It was a new Jimmy O'—for five minutes. Then he broke the spell:

"Say! That sure fetched me. Haven't heard music like that these last six years."

Then Jimmy dragged forth the last WEEKLY, and began to study the small "ads" all over again.

A rush, a clatter, and a "yip! yip! yip!" foretold the arrival of Johnny Williams.

As host, I hastened to the tie-rail. The arrival was off his horse, and just turning toward me. The profile! I spoke the name (not Johnny Williams) of a once very dear friend who had gone out of my life utterly. It was the man himself as I knew him twenty-five years previous—and this man before me was not a day older. This fact came full force as I apologized and led the way back to the patio.

The friend, I recalled, had a voice. He sang for the delectation of his friends, then in Glee Club. Before leaving college, he married a girl student in the School of Music. I left the old home. Next I heard of them in vaudeville, she as violinist, he as baritone soloist. When they were in New Orleans, the fever struck, and they went out together.

The voice of Jimmy O' recalled me from my reverie.

"An' when you sun sinks to his rest, Johnny, me an' you an' Eddy will show that phonograph that it aint all the music in the world."

This was the nearest to self-praise I had ever heard from Jimmy O', and I knew he never was far off the trail.

The sun touched the horizon, purpling the peaks, sank, and as the after-glow began to fade, the silence fell upon us.

Jimmy O' stood by Johnny, who leaned lightly and alertly against the post of the patio. Eddy lounged nearby. Upon the soft summer air there fell unheralded a breathy note, the "Toreador," followed by the song in purest Spanish. I have heard Campanari, but never like that! It was the sweetest, richest, deepest, fullest baritone God ever put in mortal body! And from a cowboy at \$45 a month! Why, he might be earning twice that sum in a half hour! The song ended, and again silence fell.

Then Jimmy O' started a cowboy song, in which Eddy and Johnny joined. Eddy had a fair bass, and Jimmy a sweet tenor which he would shift to soprano when the mood pleased him. Then Jimmy imitated a duet, tenor and soprano, which was funny as could be and surely would have been a hit in vaudeville.

An hour or so of song, then the silence fell again. Johnny finally broke it; "We'd best be going." I begged one more song. It was his choice, but one I knew full well—and as the notes of "Lead, Kindly Light" rose and soared and died away, I was transported. It was her song, and his—sung many a night in the Athens of the West, on the old campus. And oh, the mist in the eyes,—the catch in the throat.

"That was my mother's favorite—and my father's," said Johnny, as he leaned from his horse to say good-bye. "You—you called me by his name. He wanted me to forget it. I use his mother's maiden name, now, until I come into my own."

Then he rode away,—rode away—"into his own!"

Moore looked after the three friends as they disappeared into the dark.

"Poor chap! He'll never sing like that again—and he knows it. And the 'glory that was Greece' is denied him, even as 'the grandeur that was Rome' can never be his except in dreams. Poor pariah! Sweetness and light are his lode-stars,—his reward ashes and myrrh. He has an incurable disease of the vocal chords, which, at times, causes him wholly to lose his voice. Then it comes back again, and his song is heavenly. Each time the loss is greater, and on the return his song grows sweeter. But—tonight!"

I thought I caught sight of a tear in

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FRANCE

Moore's eye. The slow sound of hoof-beats came to our ears.

It was the saddest man's face I have ever seen,—the face of a man stricken,—which confronted us as, into the light of a hastily ignited candle, Jimmy O' and Eddy Fyne supported the figure of Johnny Williams. From his lips a stream of crimson flowed steadily as the face grew whiter. We laid him upon my cot and succeeded finally in staunching the ebb of the life stream.

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It was a fortnight before Johnny Williams was able to be about. Tender nursing by his friends was responsible for that. Another fortnight and he was fit as of old, but his singing voice was gone utterly. Johnny was the cheerfulest of the five, however. Jimmy O's heart seemed broken, and his vein of humor sealed.

It was Jimmy O' who, the day the four started for Moore's ranch brought forth the stamp collection referred to in a previous history, and, putting it in Johnny's hands, said whimsically:

"We'll own it together, Johnny—an' in hist'ry it'll be referred to as 'the famous collection of the two J's.'"

REWARD OF ENTERPRISE.

Mr. John Molek, Chicago, writes: "I see by your answers to correspondents that one F. A. W. is interested in obtaining the Belgian stamps postmarked at Havre, France. He may try my way. I sent the international coupon, which I bought at the post office for six cents, to the Belgian postmaster at Havre together with a self-addressed envelope, and a short letter in English asking him to be so kind to exchange the enclosed coupon for Belgian stamps, stick them on the enclosed cover, cancel them with the Havre postmark and mail it. My two friends, collectors, have done the same, and five weeks afterwards, we all received back our empty covers, sealed, of course, with 25 centimes Belgian stamps and Havre postmark on them. They cost us only five cents postage besides the coupons,—and no other trouble. The address we used was: To the postmaster of the Belgian provisional Post Office, Havre, France."

Before any of our readers act upon the suggestion so kindly made by Mr. Molek, we ask that they read the following excerpt from the June number of Whitfield King & Co.'s *Monthly List*, with especial attention to the last sentence; and they may then weigh the chances for the successful outcome of the plan under the latest ruling:

"Belgium—The information given in the last issue of our *Monthly List* proves to be incorrect, although it was given to us officially. The new stamps, which will not bear the portraits of the King and Queen of the Belgians as stated, are not to be issued until the re-establishment of the Postal Services in Belgium. The stamps which are offered for sale in London at £1 per set are the issue of 1912, and are of the denominations as stated, from 1c to 5 francs. These stamps, however, are still on sale at Havre in unused condition, and are still being used for postage, but the Postmaster will not now obliterate stamps to order, nor send envelopes through the post, this rule has probably been made to assist the sale of the obliterated sets in London."

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Uganda 1c (2), 10c Edm., 3c Geo. on Cover.
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EGYPT—A HISTORY OF ITS STAMPS.

By R. E. R. DALWICK.

The earliest mention on record of a working postal system in Egypt dates back to the year 1821, when an Italian, Carlo Meratti by name, established a system for the conveyance of letters to and from Cairo to Alexandria.

After a short period an extension was made whereby a definite mail service was opened between Alexandria and Europe, and this service became known as the POSTA EUROPEA.

After the death of Carlo Meratti in 1847, the postal service which he had so successfully founded was continued by Tito Chini and Giacomo Muzzi, who continued to work the system on its original lines.

The story of this early postal system is admirably told in a little pamphlet entitled "The Post of Egypt," published in Florence in 1898:

Modest offices were opened in each [Cairo and Alexandria], the chief purpose being the transmitting and receiving of European letters—so that the undertaking was known as the "European Post." There are aged men in the foreign colony at Cairo who still remember the little room occupied by the "European Post" in the Musky quarter of the city, and recall their visits to it. They often found the office empty except for a single table supporting a basket containing letters and newspaper packages. All these the visitor looked over, and carried away such as were addressed to himself, or to members of his family. There were also, in that day, foreign Post Offices in Alexandria under the direction of various European governments—known as the "French Post," the "Austrian Post," the "Italian Post," and so on. These have long since disappeared, except the "French Post," which leads a lingering life in its rather shabby quarters of Alexandria. On the death of Meratti his business passed into the hands of his nephew, Tito Chini, who associated with himself a fellow-countryman of great energy and administrative ability, Giacomo Muzzi, who opened additional offices, availing himself of all possible means of conveyance—even using the railway between Alexandria and Cairo as fast as its sections were opened. It reached Cairo in 1856. Muzzi's opera-

tions constantly extended; he received a formal government concession for ten years in 1862, but the undertaking proved so profitable that the government purchased the monopoly, three years later, on condition that Muzzi would remain as Director-General. This he did until 1876, when he resigned, and soon returned to his native country, in which he died, at Florence, May 12th, 1898, at the age of seventy-seven. His memory will long be kept green in Egypt as the real founder of its postal system. Many incidents, indicative of his activity and able management, are still narrated. It is told that during one season of an extraordinarily high Nile, when communications were everywhere interrupted, his mailcarriers always arrived punctually at their stations; and there is somewhere described the astonishment of the Prince of Wales, when ascending the Nile, at receiving his mail each evening, with unfailing regularity, from Muzzi's agents, who had outstripped his own steamer. On returning to Cairo the Prince asked that he might see such an indefatigable official, and gave Muzzi his thanks and a souvenir ring.

Muzzi was succeeded by Mr. Alfred Caillard, now the head of the Egyptian customs, who was followed by Walter Halton Pasha (1880). The latter's successor is the present Postmaster-General, Saba Pasha (1887), whose reputation as an accomplished administrator has passed beyond the boundaries of Egypt. No country possesses a more complete and efficient postal service than that which he controls.

And yet there are not many regions in which a postal service has to overcome so many difficulties. In its greater part the populous places are strung for many hundreds of miles along the banks of a river, which every twelvemonth shifts its channels, making even ferriage often difficult. Elsewhere the mail must be borne, in the varying seasons, across wide tracts of desert, against burning winds and blinding sand-storms, or through floods which have turned the country into a sea, menacing with destruction the slender roads of soft earth, which rise just above the waste of waters. But this is not all. The difficul-



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Egypt as has often been remarked, is a mosaic of nationalities and creeds, and a Babel of tongues. The postal employees must receive and deliver mail matter addressed in all languages, Arabic and European, spoken by larger or smaller groups of the population—Arabic, Turkish, Amernian, Hindustani, Greek, Italian, French, English, Maltese—and must be able to respond to enquiries in more than one of these tongues. Each one of them, in fact, must be quite familiar with three languages, namely the chaucery Arabic (the bastard Old-Arabic of the newspapers, and of all official correspondence); the Egyptian, the universal idiom of the people; and either English or French. But not a few are able to speak, in addition, Italian, and some know both French and English.

In the foregoing extract it is stated that Giacomo Muzzi and Tito Chini "opened additional offices."

Moens gives the entire list as follows:

Alexandria	Kafr el Zayat
Atfe	Mansura
Benha	Mehalla
Birket-El-Sab	Samanud
Cairo	Suez
Damanhur	Tanta
Damietta	Zagazig
Galiut	Zifta

It must be clearly understood that this system of conveyance of mails was entirely a private concern.

The two postmasters conducted the various services in a very efficient manner, and it is evident that the undertaking proved a profitable source of revenue to its owners.

In the year 1865 the Egyptian Government cancelled the agreement made with Chini and announced that from that date the postal service would be under the control of the Government and that no private postal enterprise would be allowed.

The postal service of Egypt at the time when stamps were first issued was not quite all that might be desired; a fact which is proved by the postal agencies maintained by various European powers.

It was not long however before matters readjusted themselves to such an extent that the postal system compared very favorably with other countries.

Nowadays the postal system provides for the transmission of letters, parcels, newspapers, money-orders, cash, etc., to and from all parts of the world. The latest figures show that approximately thirty million of inland letters, parcels, etc., pass through the post annually:

	Inland.	Foreign.
Letters,	30,129,000	19,193,000
Newspapers,	17,054,000	13,595,000
	Financial	
Revenue	£E 312,333.	
Expenditure	£E 279,998.	

Since 1906 Egypt has enjoyed Imperial Penny Postage.

Most of the centres of any importance are connected by telegraphic communication or with the auxiliary help of light railways.

The following are the more important telegraph lines:

Assuan to Wadi Halfa (connects Sudan).
Salhai to Kantara (via Syria to Constantinople).
Alexandria to Suez.
Alexandria to England (via Malta & Gibraltar).
Alexandria to Italy (via Crete).
Suez to China & Australia (via Aden & India).

The above are, naturally, only the lines of major importance.

An insight into the working of one of Egypt's most modern post-offices is supplied by a local postmaster:

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"The office is situated at Port Tewfik at the Suez end of the Suez Canal, and all the steamers passing through the Canal can be seen from the office window.

"The Suez office—which, since the transfer of this Foreign Branch of work of my office, has been reduced to local work was built in the year 1850, and is therefore an old building which was pulled down last year, and a new office built in a more central position."

(To be continued.)

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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As an envelope collector, and chemist I have naturally been more or less interested in the paper used for our stamped envelopes and have studied same to a considerable extent.

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The trouble mentioned by a correspondent of the N. Y. Sun is not necessarily due to the sizing at all. The same sizing on two different papers will act differently.

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from H. G. Burwick, Harry E. Klotzbach, H. E. Lewison, P. G. Moore, A. H. Loomis (5), D. D. Berolzheim.

—Francis M. Bigelow suggests that we establish a department furthering the interests of correspondence amongst stamp collectors, advertisements to be accepted at our 20c per line rate. This would allow our readers to name their specialties, give their addresses and thus "promote many philatelic friendships." May we suggest that our "Ad-lets" is a widely read department and offers just the opportunity referred to.

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—I. C. Greene calls our attention to an article in the current number of *Pearson's Magazine*. It is entitled "Do You Want 1c Letter Postage?" The article is written by Charles Williams Burrows and is a strong plea for the reduced rate.

—We have received a clipping from the *Minneapolis Journal* sent us by A. A. Kranhold, giving the particulars of the arrest of one Caverly who for more than fifteen years has operated a private postoffice in that city without knowing that it was illegal. Caverly has

been distributing statements for about thirty commission firms. He began operations while he was in school and at the time of his arrest employed several assistants. His charge was 1c for each piece of mail and the business was a lucrative one. The law very plainly states that "no person shall establish any private express for the conveyance of letters or packets, or in any manner cause or provide for the conveyance of the same by regular trips or stated periods, over any post-route."

—F. W. McCreery of Rockville, Conn., who has been advertising in the WEEKLY, has been compelled to go to the Hartford Hospital for medical treatment. It will be several weeks before he can give any further attention to the stamp business and in the meantime he requests the kind indulgence of his patrons.

—John A. Flynn, Dayton, O., giving his address in care of the International Hosiery Co., solicited an approval selection from J. V. Doyle of New Haven, Conn. The selection was sent but a later registered letter inquiring for the selection was returned "Unclaimed."

—The Stamp Shop of Chicago, Ill., has shown us a set of the Gold Coast surcharged Togo, chronicled by us last week.

—Gen. C. A. Coolidge, president of the A. P. S. informs us that Mr. Hatfield desires his name withdrawn as a candidate for vice-president of the Society. Mr. Hatfield is undergoing medi-

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cal treatment and has other reasons for declining the use of his name.

—We have received from W. J. Stanton, Coronado, Cal., some covers bearing faked E. S. overprints. Every cover in the lot of two hundred secured by Mr. Stanton represents an unclaimed and advertised letter addressed either to Hermosillo or Cananea. Nearly all of them are postmarked prior to December, 1914, the date of issue of the genuine E. S. The distinguishing feature is the surcharge in blue instead of purple. The stamps thus far seen are the 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10c Transitorio, 1, 2, 3 and 5c Denver, 5c 1910 Federal and 5c envelope.

—Will our Athol, Mass., subscriber who ordered a Poole's "Guide" please send in his name?

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EDITORIAL.

We Gasp—A letter comes to us that leaves us speechless. Writing from a post office in the state of New York, Mr. H. de la Barre says: "It will probably be a surprise to you as well as to other philatelists to learn that the United States is issuing a series of secret marks on the current two cent denomination at least. In looking over the entire stock of stamps at my post office recently, I came upon a few sheets of the two cent, 1914, perforated 10 that had the 'o' of 'Postage' printed in a solid color. I tore a sheet out and paid for it—even got so far as the door with it, when the postmaster rushed up to me and in a most excited tone, told me that I had got a wrong sheet. I smiled at him and said that it was the one I wanted. He insisted that I return it and when pressed for an explanation, told me that it was one of the marked sheets issued by the department to make the theft of stamps an easier matter to trace. He told me that these sheets of marked stamps are kept with the other one and two cents stamps in the regular stock books and in case of theft, they would be used and in passing through the mails would serve as a clue to the thief." Truth, the tale is a pretty one but it agitates us so strangely that we cannot comment coherently on it. There is an air of verisimilitude about it, any way.

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Busy Togo—Something of a sensation has been made in England by the appearance there of a consignment of Gold Coast, contemporary issues half penny to twenty shillings, with the "condominium" surcharge, three lines in black, Togo—Anglo-French—Occupation. This is the third provisional set for Togo and is said to be the fore-runner of "a regular indent from London" and that, quoting *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, in view of the tremendous demand anticipated for stamps from Togo, "the work of overprinting can in every sense be more satisfactorily and expeditiously dealt with by Messrs. De la Rue for a regular issue than locally in Accra." Mr. Edward Michael has shown

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us the red cross set, four denominations of the current war issue, bearing the surcharge in Russian characters in black, "Sample," as we are informed.

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Newspaper Ads—In the London *Telegraph* of May 27th, we noticed two advertisements addressed "To Stamp Connoisseurs" which offered "Two Fine Historical Collections." We had intended to comment on these two large announcements before as the text of the ads possesses a piquancy that will not be lost on the discerning collector. The perfervid adman unbosoms himself as follows: "Throughout the whole world it is known that Belgium with the exception of the Yser districts is completely occupied by the Germans. Yet there is a territory known to but a few, still governed by a Belgian Burgomaster, Secretary, &c, where the Belgian colours are flying the whole day, where people are singing with enthusiasm 'De Vlaamsche Leeuw,' which possesses its Belgian buildings—its church, schools, &c—and several of whose young men are fighting at the 'Front' under the Belgian colours. This tract is called Baarle-Hertog. Why do not the Germans reach this place? Because it is totally surrounded by Neutral territory—only some yards from the Belgian borders but enough to be inaccessible. Remarkable and real. This is a wonderful prize for the Collector. A splendid assemblage to be offered by parents to their children as an agreeable surprise. A rich Collection, when framed, to be bought by everyone as a remembrance of the present days of storm. The whole consisting of 3 Red Cross and 12 Belgian stamps posted safely to you from Baarle-Hertog for One pound." An illustration is shown of a "used" cover bearing the stamps. The second ad is that of "The American Post Stamp Amator" at a point in Holland; and the cut depicts nine of the German stamps with the Belgian surcharge, "a complete series of the actual stamps put in circulation by the Germans in Belgium." The "cheap" price is one pound. Thus does the ingenious, if enterprising, advertiser seek to turn a few pounds, more or less honest, in these stressful times.

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You Know The Kind—The *Black Cat* for July attracts the attention of philatelists as the cover which features a story, "Jud Perkins Tackles Philately," asks the pertinent question: "Did you ever collect stamps?" Mr. Jenkins of the *Cleveland Leader* says: "While the story is of no importance, it helps in a way to advertise our pastime." We agree with him and it may be added that those whose doctors have warned them against excessive hilarity may read the tale with impunity.

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Opium Stamps—Our indispensable correspondent, Mr. W. C. Michaels, Kansas City, Mo., writes: "Inclosed find Treasury Decisions of June 10th, 1915, included in which is Treasury Decision Number 2211, dated May 15th,

1915, which indicates that three new high value revenue stamps for opium are to be designed and printed. The tax is to be \$300 a pound so that the face value of the stamps will necessarily be \$75, \$150 and \$300. This information ought to be interesting to the revenue stamp clan." We quote Article 11: "(1) Section 1 of the act approved January 17, 1914, provides that an internal-revenue tax of \$300 per pound shall be levied and collected upon all opium manufactured in the United States for smoking purposes. (2) All opium manufactured, prepared or suitable for smoking purposes must be put up by the manufacturer in packages containing 4, 8, and 16 ounces, net weight each. (3) Stamps of the denominations of 4, 8, and 16 ounces will be prepared for the payment of internal-revenue tax on opium manufactured for smoking purposes." It is provided that "a single stamp of the proper denomination" be affixed in a permanent manner so that when the package is opened the stamp will be broken in two places and the stamp must be canceled by writing or imprinting in red ink by the manufacturer's factory and district number, etc. Heavy penalties are named for the non-use and mis-use of the stamps.

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Never Issued—Our attention is called by Montgomery Evans, 2nd, to the following notice in the Addenda, under the sub-heading U. S. Internal Revenue Stamps in the catalogue published by Sever & Francis, Cambridge, Mass., in 1863. "New Internal Revenue Stamps will be issued in place of those now in use. They will have a border around the vignette, on which will be printed at the top, figures representing three or four years, as '63, '64, '65; and on the sides and bottom, the names of months and figures for the days from 1 to 30. The method of cancellation will be to cut out with a knife, before affixing the stamp, the whole border, except the letters and figures representing the date required. This will render the second use of a stamp impossible. Stamps of a similar character have been suggested for postage." Some time ago, when we acquired a copy of this old catalogue we reviewed it rather fully and commented, as we remember, on these proposed issues which were ascribed to suggestions of that period of experiment in the early '60's when general attention was turned to the necessity of preventing the re-use of stamps. Comparatively few of the suggestions reached even the essay stage.

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THE EIGHTH ISSUE.

Whether the counterfeits of the last issue induced the Government to change the stamps is not certain, but anyway, in 1900 a new set appeared. Writing with regard to this new set Mr. W. P. Barnsdall stated in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*:—

Rumour says they owe their inspiration to that versatile monarch the German emperor, and that he even designed the centrepiece of the pfennig values. It is certain the stamps were issued to commemorate the twentieth century, the Emperor, in common with many other folks, having formed the mistaken notion that the twentieth century commenced 1 January 1900—and in consequence for Germany it had to be.

The design in question consists of an allegorical bust of "Germania" in coat of mail and with Imperial crown on her head, but it did not meet with popular approval, and, indeed, is a poor example of Teutonic art. Various tales are current as to the subject of the design. It is said that when a change of stamps was decided upon, the Emperor wished to have his portrait upon the new set, but in deference to the feelings of the many German rulers, which are a bit ticklish on matters of overlords, etc., the idea was abandoned and "Germania" substituted. Some say the Empress served as a model for the nation's personification on the stamps; others, that a young actress whose impersonation of the character in a spectacle so pleased the Emperor that he commanded she should serve as the model.

The latter seems to be the correct story, the actress who posed for the militant female being Frin. Anna Füh-ring. The allegorical bust fills most of the design, the border simply containing numerals of value in the upper corners and REICHSPOST at the base. It will be noted that with these new stamps, inscriptions have been cut down to a minimum, for not only has DEUTSCHE been omitted (as was also the case with the 1889 series) but only numerals are used to denote the values. The design was the work of Paul Waldroff and that it is anything but handsome or satisfactory may be gleaned from the many caustic criticisms that appeared in German papers when the issue appeared. One daily journal published in Berlin said:—

Beneath criticism is the new national stamps, which we now see for the first time. The head of Germania is common, destitute of anything like nobility or spirituality, the printing so indistinct that the head does not rise at all clearly from the far too roughly shaped background. The post office official who created this masterpiece must be like a child with no sense of artistic composition, otherwise, he could never have been possessed of the incredible idea of bringing Germania's hand into the picture. One looks at this miserable hand squeezed into the lower left corner, and wonders what really is the meaning of it and the crooked sword. It looks as if the interesting lady had just stabbed herself in the stomach!

Considering the Emperor himself chose the design, the language is certainly strong for an ordinary commoner with the bogey of *lese majestie* always near!

The pfennig values were surface printed, the 2, 3, 5, 10 and 20pf in plain colors on white wove paper, and the values from 25pf to 80pf in two colors

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

on colored wove paper, with the exception of the 40pf which was on white. The 30, 40 and 80pf were used for internal service in December, 1899, but were not sold to the public until January 1st, 1900, when the 10 and 20pf were also issued. The 3, 5, 25 and 50pf followed in February and March, while the 2pf did not appear until July, 1900.

The first supplies of the 25, 30, 40, 50 and 80pf values had the word REICHSPOST in thick letters which gave the tablet an overloaded effect and it was soon altered to smaller type. The stamps with original lettering are extremely rare, for it was only due to an error that any of them were allowed to get into circulation. Regarding these the late Mr. E. J. Nankivell tells an amusing story in the *Postage Stamp* for January, 1908:—

Amongst the new things included for the first time in the new Gibbons is the thick lettering variety of "Reichspost" in the 25pf, 30pf, 40pf, 50pf, and 80pf of the current series. The history of this thick lettering variety, as told in a paper read before the Royal Philatelic Society by Mr. Reichenheim, is as follows: "Of the 25, 30, 40, 50 and 80pf a few sheets were first printed showing the word REICHSPOST in the same size and thickness of the letters as in the one-colored values (3, 5, 10, and 20 pf), but this size of print turned out to be too large for the tablet accorded to it, and was therefore reduced. As far as I know, some of the sheets in the first print were handed over to the Imperial Postal Museum and its authorities used them for payment to dealers. Some of the latter, not noticing the difference, used them for franking purposes."

Some of the German dealers sent a few presentation sets to the Editors of philatelic periodicals, and as early supplies to a few customers. When the secret leaked out, the dealers who had been circulating a few of the sets sent an innocently worded, but too generous offer, to send the since completed series on receiving back the 25pf to 80pf values already sent.

I do not know how many innocents returned the five odd values to be exchanged for the full series, but I stuck to my presentation set, and am now rather amused to find the stamps priced as follows in the new Gibbons:

	Unused.	Used
25pf	\$30.00	—
30pf	\$30.00	—
40pf	\$50.00	—
50pf	\$40.00	\$18.75
80pf	\$30.00	—

These stamps and also the mark values were all treated with the secret process as before, and show crown, post-horn, and eagles in aniline rose when treated with an alkali.

The mark values were much more pretentious than anything hitherto attempted by Germany, being imposing in size, elaborately designed, and printed from line-engraved plates. The designs were taken from celebrated pictures, and were engraved by Professor William Röse, of the Imperial Printing Works. On the 1 mark value a good view of the General Post Office at Berlin is shown. The 2 mark is from an allegorical painting by Anton von Werner typifying the Union of Northern and Southern Germany. Mr. C. A. Howes gives an excellent description of this and the pictures on the 3 and 5 mark denominations which I cannot do better than reproduce:—

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many clasping hands and burying the old ill will of the race. In the background at the left are seen the Alps, with the Rhine at their base, and likewise at the right is the Baltic Sea with the cliffs of the island of Rügen—the limit of the united Fatherland—while above the representatives of North and South hovers the Goddess of Victory, holding aloft the Imperial Crown, which sheds its lustre over all. At the bottom is the legend, SEID EINIG, EINIG, EINIG! (Be united, united, united).

The 3 mark is from the painting of W. Pape representing the unveiling of the statue of Emperor William I at Berlin. The memorial of the first Kaiser included not only the equestrian statue, but a magnificent setting in the form of a peristyle, a portion of which can be seen in the background. In the foreground plainly appears Emperor William II on his black charger, and immediately behind him, the Empress. This memorial was dedicated on 3 April, 1897, in the midst of pageants and ceremonies almost unequalled for splendour and enthusiasm. The date above the picture, 22 March, was the birthday of Emperor William I.

The 5 mark stamp is taken from another painting of Pape's, representing Emperor William II delivering an address on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the proclamation of the Empire, 19 January, 1896. The moment is chosen when the Emperor placed his right hand upon the flag of the 1st Regiment of Guards, and ended the discourse, which he had addressed to princes and representatives of the people by these words: "EIN REICH, EIN VOLK, EIN GOTT." ("One Empire, one people, one God.") The engraving contains no fewer than 51 figures, the features of a large number being distinct.

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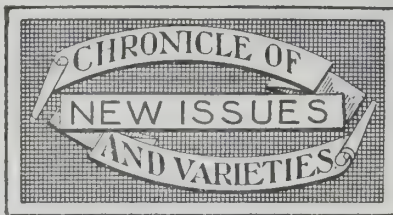
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DUTCH ISSUE ABANDONED.

Apparently the Dutch authorities have abandoned the idea of overprinting certain of the current postage stamps of Holland for collecting funds in aid of Dutch people in distress as a result of the war. It was intended to overprint some of the low values with the letters K. N. S. (Koninklyk National Steuncomité—Royal Committee of National Aid) to be sold at a fraction in excess of face value. The extra amount to be devoted to relieving some of the present distress in Holland. It is now reported that a special series of war stamps may be issued in the Dutch Indies.—London Telegraph.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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AUSTRALIA.—Various of our English contemporaries note the issue of 2d gray, 6d ultramarine, 2sh light brown and 5sh yellow and gray, Kangaroo design, printed on paper intended for the King's Head stamps.

BOSNIA.—Mr. Schachne reports the receipt of two new military postal cards. They bear the impressed stamps of 1900 and 1906 respectively and are surcharged in two black lines "K. U. K. FELDPOST".

Post Cards.

5h yellow green and black on buff.
5h blue green and black on buff.

CANADA.—According to Gladstone Perry the new 2c carmine on buff card for Canada is intended to cover both postage and war tax. There are two types of the figure "2". This card was noted in Nos. 1277 and 1278.

EGYPT.—A correspondent sends the following to *Ewen's Weekly*:

"The old issue (1907) with the exception of the 4m was overprinted with two dots under the last letter. When the 4m was issued, these two dots were missing, and now in the new issue enclosed the same thing occurs, and I have just received a used copy of the 2m of the old issue printed similarly. I am told on good authority that this printing is not correct and that the two dots give the vowel sound and should be printed, although often omitted in ordinary writing."

FRANCE.—L. A. Beebe has shown us the current 10c stamp, first printing, without ground, with the outer line broken away for more than 1 mm. at the upper left corner.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Marsh's Philatelist* has the following regarding the new envelope stamps noted last week: "The Georgian 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d and 1sh Envelope stamps have now come to hand. The designs are very similar to the Edwardian issue; apart from the alteration of the head, the dies have been altered so as to show the value in figures, as well as in words. The 2½d has the label "postage" enlarged so as to allow for the "2½" to be added at each end. The 3d has the figure "3" in white, on a solid circle, on each side of the Crown, midway between the Crown and the beginning or end of the inscription. In the case of the 4d stamp, the figure appears in colour, on a solid white ground, on each side, above the inscription. The sixpence value shows the figure "6" in an oval, at each side; the shilling has "1s" added in a vertical position, at each end of the inscription. The colours are now the same as those used for adhesive stamps of the same denomination, and in each case, except the 6d, the die number of the stamps received is "1". The 6d we have, as yet, only seen with die number "3". A 10d die has also been made, but whether it is only for use on Telegram Forms we are unable to say, the official notice seems to imply otherwise."

Envelopes.

2½d ultramarine.
3d violet.
4d pearl-green.
6d purple.
1sh bistre.

HUNGARY.—Three additional war entires have been issued for Croatia, according to Mr. Schachne. They all bear a war tax of two fillers and are surcharged accordingly.

Post Card.

5x2f red and green on buff.

Letter Cards.

6x2f red and olive on blue.
10x2f green and brick red on gray.

INDIA.—*Chamba.*—The *Postage Stamp* notes the issue of several sheets of the 2a King Edward stamps overprinted "On H. M. S." and in addition Chamba State. One whole sheet is in the Indian Post Office Collection.

Kishangarh.—*Marsh's Philatelist* notes that the scarce 2a stamp of 1913, Gibbons type 15, is printed in sheets of 20, in 5 rows of 4, and we notice that the 2nd, 3rd and 4th stamps on the sheet have large figures "2" in the upper corners, the others being the normal variety. The 3rd stamp in the 2nd row shows the error "KISHANGAHR". On some sheets there is a full stop at the foot to right of the native inscription on this error. On other sheets the native inscription is normal.

NEW BRITAIN.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* for April chronicles the following varieties of overprint on the converted stamps of German New Guinea and Marshall Islands:—

On German New Guinea.

1d on 3pf, figure 1 missing.
1d on 3pf, overprinted twice.
1d on 5pf, "d" inverted.
1d on 5pf, no stops after G.R.I.
1d on 5pf, double overprint.
1d on 10pf, with stop before instead of after "G".
2d on 10pf, overprinted twice.
2d on 10pf, double overprint, one inverted.
10pf overprinted "G.I.R.", 3d.
1d on 20pf.
2d on 20pf, "R." inverted.
2d on 20pf, double overprint.
2d on 20pf, double overprint, one inverted.
25pf overprinted "G.I.R.", 5d.
3d on 30pf, "d" inverted.
3d on 30pf, double overprint.
3d on 30pf, double, one inverted.
4d on 40pf, double overprint.
5d on 50pf, figure "5" omitted.
5d on 50pf, double overprint.
5d on 50pf, double overprint, one inverted.
8d on 80pf, double overprint, one inverted.

On Marshall Islands.

3d on 25pf, no stop after "d".
3d on 25pf, double overprint, one inverted.
3d on 25pf, double overprint.
3d on 30pf, no stop after "d".
1s on 1 mark, no stop after "I".
1s on 1 mark, double overprint.
2s on 2 marks, double overprint, one inverted.
3s on 3 marks, double overprint.
5s on 5 marks, double overprint, one inverted.

NEW ZEALAND.—*Stamp Collecting* reports that the 2sh bright blue fiscal stamp with head of Queen Victoria, has been overprinted "Official" like the 5sh chronicled some time since.

Provisional Adhesive.

2sh bright blue.

SOMALI COAST.—The latest French Colony to be added to the list of Colonies issuing Red Cross stamps is Somali Coast. The overprint is of the same type as similar stamps printed in Paris, but singularly enough the stamp surcharged is a new one in a design not hitherto recorded. It is a large upright oblong, like other current Colonial issues, but with a projection at the bottom to accommodate the word "Somalis." The design shows a portrait of a native girl, framed in an effective marine design, with "R" "F" in the upper corners, "Postes" at the top and "Cote Francaise des—Somalis" at the bottom in two lines. The figure of value is placed on a large shell below the portrait.

Adhesive.

10c carmine.

Red Cross Adhesive.

10x5c carmine.

Togo.—We have been shown the full set of the Gold Coast stamps, overprinted "Togo—Anglo-French—Occupation," as noted last week, by the New England Stamp Co. All overprints are in black.

In regard to this set, *Ewen's Weekly* says:

This third provisional set promises to be even more popular in demand than the preceding issues. The overprint adopted in Accra is in a very small type. It is probably but a makeshift, pending a regular indent from London, which in ordinary course would be by Messrs. De la Rue. Certainly every indication points to this issue being but

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an expedient for the moment. If it were not so, the demand that will be made for supplies will be so considerable, that there would be no stamps left in Gold Coast for its own service in a very short time.

This setting made in Accra, is in sixty pieces, 6x10, and the overprint applied to each pane separately, the sheet being completed in two operations. Though every care has been taken, as shown by the evenness in the lines of setting, several prominent errors of type have occurred. The most notable are small type capital "G" in "Togo," sixth stamp on fourth row, and small type capital "F" in "French," first stamp on the fifth row and the fourth and fifth stamps on tenth row.

These errors are exactly repeated on the second pane of each sheet on all twelve denominations, ½d to £1. With the positions of the errors several select blocks can be made. Taking undivided the eight stamps from centre of sheet under the 3rd row, the piece shows error small "G" on left, and error small "F" on right, each contained in block of four and undivided. From the foot of left pane an undivided pair, both small "F", can be made; or from the foot of right pane an undivided pair of small "F" with control, or better still contained in strip of four or block of six or eight.

The above are the important errors of type, but in the course of printing there are also several curiosities of regular occurrence. One pane of 2d had the overprint placed too much to the left, the stamp on the right side vertically thus being without "A" to "AN-GLO." Solid first "O" and small first "O" in "OCCUPATION" are also noted.

On the 1d value the overprint is placed much higher. The other values to the 1sh show it over the centre, but in the £1 it is placed lower, and the word "OCCUPATION" appears across the tablet of value. Amongst the sheets of the 5sh, the odd block found was noticeably much paler in shade. On the several values, 2½d, 6d, 1sh, 2sh, 2sh 6d and 10sh which are dark in colour, the overprint does not show up with prominence, and in the case of the 1sh would be passed as ordinary by anyone without a quick eye. It will be noted the 3d and 5sh are on the surface-tinted paper with white back. The 3d should prove a good item, since the *Colonial Journal* of April notified the new printing supplied was on the dyed throughout yellow paper. The 10sh and £1 probably exist in very small quantities.

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1sh green and black.
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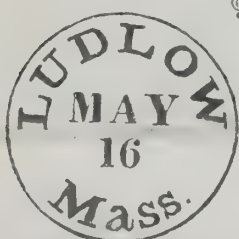
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Said the German postoffice: 'Von Kluck is no longer popular, but von Hindenburg is the hero.' So the letter was redirected to him. By the time the letter should have reached him he was snowed up in the Carpathians.

So the postoffice, perhaps seeking to please the kaiser, re-directed the letter to Count Zeppelin. It was, however, intercepted by an employe in the Antwerp postoffice, who sent it back again to Paris.

It arrived there the day the Lusitania was sunk, and the French postoffice returned it to Berlin marked 'Von Tirpitz. Wanted badly. Try Potsdam.' But a postmaster slipped the letter into the kaiser's imperial packet, crossing out von Tirpitz's name.

The kaiser, perhaps, indignant at being the fifth most popular man in Germany, sent it on to the crown prince, but a Frenchman still employed in the Stenay postoffice re-directed it to Gen. Joffre. The Berlin postoffice marked it, 'Hold until called for.'—EDWIN CLEARY in London *Daily Express*.

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"The ten 2c postage stamps herewith returned, bearing the words 'Coil Stamps' in the margin, are from a sheet of stamps printed specially for coiling before the existing method of printing unjointed strips was adopted. A quantity of these sheets remained on hand when the old method was discontinued. The Postmaster, Washington, D. C., has a supply, from which purchases may be made by sending him their value in a registered letter or postal money order, with return postage and registry fee."



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THE ELEVENTH ISSUE.

In 1905 it was decided to introduce watermarked paper and a design consisting of a "multiple" arrangement of lozenges was adopted. The 3pf and 5pf were issued on this paper in December, 1905; the 2pf, 10pf, and 80pf followed in January, 1906; the 40pf and 5 mark were on sale in February; the 20pf, 25pf and 30pf were ready in March; and the 50pf, 1 and 2 mark were issued in April. The 3 mark was the last to appear and though it was chronicled on many different occasions it does not appear to have been actually placed on sale until some time in 1911. The 2 mark of this series is of the second type. A 60pf value was added to the set in 1911.



Reference List.

1905-11. Watermarked Lozenges. Perf. 14.

80. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 80.
81. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 81.
82. 5pf green, Scott's No. 82.
83. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 83.
84. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 84.
85. 25pf black and orange on yellow, Scott's No. 85.
86. 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 86.
87. 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 87.
88. 50pf black and lilac on buff, Scott's No. 88.
89. 60pf black and magenta, Scott's No. 89.
90. 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 90.
91. 1m carmine, Scott's No. 91.
92. 2m blue, Type II, Scott's No. 92.
93. 3m violet black, Scott's No. 93.
94. 5m black and lake, Scott's No. 94.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

In 1903 a set of official stamps appeared, comprising the values 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25,

40, and 50pf, the design being composed of the frame of the then current stamps but with an inscription reading "FREI-DURCH-ABLOSUNG-Nr. 21", in four lines in the centre, on a horizontally lined background in place of the usual bust of Germania. These stamps were issued for use on the official correspondence of the kingdom of Prussia. It appears that 30 different States, Administrations, and Institutions possess the privilege of having their correspondence carried free, and as there was some uncertainty as to the approximate amount which should be credited to the Post office for conveying the official correspondence of the kingdom of Prussia these stamps were issued and continued in use for twelve months. While they were in use the sale of the stamps in unused condition was prohibited but shortly after they were withdrawn the remainders were sold to a German dealer and the set became very common. The No. 21 in the design is the official number accorded Prussia some of the others being:—

No. 1.—The Duchy of Saxe-Meiningen.
No. 2.—The Administration of the Military Orphanage at Potsdam.
No. 9.—The Duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.
No. 17.—The Thuringian Provincial Court of Jena.
No. 23.—The Grand Duchy of Oldenburg.
No. 26.—The Duchy of Brunswick.

In 1904 a somewhat similar set was issued for use by the Grand Duchy of Baden. This also has the frame of the current stamps with a centerpiece consisting of the numerals "16" (the official number for Baden) on a plain ground over which "FREI-DURCH-ABLOSUNG-Nr. 16" is engraved in four lines reading upwards in a diagonal direction from left to right. This set contained only the values 2, 3, 5, 10, 20 and 25pf and, like the Prussian series, it remained in use for a year at the end of which the remainders were sold.



Reference List.

1903. Official Stamps for Prussia. Perf. 14.
95. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 201 Prussia.
96. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 202 Prussia.
97. 5pf green, Scott's No. 203 Prussia.
98. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 204 Prussia.
99. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 205 Prussia.
100. 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 206 Prussia.
101. 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 207 Prussia.
102. 50pf black and lilac on buff, Scott's No. 208 Prussia.



1904. Official Stamps for Baden. Perf. 14.
103. 2pf grey, Scott's No. 32 Baden.
104. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 33 Baden.
105. 5pf green, Scott's No. 34 Baden.
106. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 35 Baden.
107. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 36 Baden.
108. 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 37 Baden.

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Convention Time—We hope that there will be a representative attendance at the thirtieth annual convention of the American Philatelic Society, at San Francisco, on the 10th, 11th and 12th of August, 1915. If the convention is to be a working body, there will have to be a sufficient representation of members by proxy and in person. The moral significance of a convention that is well supported, while intangible, is of much benefit and the pleasure of the members who attend is increased in ratio to the number present. We are gratified to hear that there will be a fair sprinkling of members who will take the trans-continental trip to be at the annual convocation even while we regret that there are not more members generally who pledge their attendance. At least, it is always advisable to anticipate a small crowd in order that one may earnestly urge members who possibly can do so, to ally themselves with the faithful. The entertainment announced by the local members in San Francisco is of a nature to whet the expectations of all. The convention of the National Philatelic Society in New York City bids fair to be a successful one and the program for July 22nd, 23rd and 24th is well calculated to meet the approval of delegates. The convention of the Southern Philatelic Association in President Kissinger's home town, Reading, Pa., will be a rousing one, and August 5th, 6th and 7th will be banner days in that city of the elect of philately.

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Put to Good Use—Some months ago, we told of the "converted" two-cent red postal savings stamped envelope that was used for the "Official Business" of the Post Office Department. Mr. Wagner now sends for inspection a variety of this envelope in which the stamped impression is not obscured by a row of parallel bars, but which as usual has the "penalty" warning printed over the stamp; and the original return stamp of the postal savings branch blotted out by an inked rectangle. The present instance is not the first example of prac-

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tical economy on the part of the department as we remember that after the stamped envelopes and wrappers of the war department became obsolete, some of them were utilized after having the "penalty" inscription printed across the top of the envelope or wrapper and over the stamp.

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Who Knows—Here is a query that we cannot answer definitely. We much prefer that some reader bestir himself to get us the information than to seek it ourselves. However, if no kind and indulgent investigator will enlighten us, we shall see what we can learn, ourselves. Mr. Harry E. Huber asks pertinently: "I wish to know in relation to the ten shilling St. Helena of which 1800 were said to have been printed, if 722 would be overprinted specimen or would 722 additional copies be printed to take care of the demands of the Postal Union Bureau at Berne."

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Stamp Flavor—For several weeks past, we have been calling attention to the frequency with which the philatelic theme is touched in what may be called the general fiction of the day. Stamp collecting seems to be in its hey-day so far as more or less sympathetic recognition of it by the better writers is involved. Mr. Chester Myers has sent us a copy of a recent number of *Reedy's Mirror* in which we find the following passage in an article marked: "During thirty-five long years the post office at Heislerville brought often small packages and letters with queer foreign stamps. Once in twelve months is often during thirty-five years. Sometimes the stamps bore heads of queens, sometimes tigers, or waterfalls, sometimes the faces of curious-looking men."

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Flossie Is Fluffed—The artist who syndicates the series, "The Young Lady Across the Way," in the newspapers recently gave philately a fling in the text accompanying one of the pictures. The young lady has a penchant for missing the obvious and for that reason her comments are supposed, in the optimistic mind of the creator, to excite the risibilities of the reader: "The young lady across the way says she saw in the paper that King George was an enthusiastic philatelist; but, of course, she supposed after his country got into the war the only thing for him to do was to fight whatever his principles were."

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Old Ones—Mr. Edwin B. Hill informs us that he has a copy of the third edition of Kline's Manual, published at Philadelphia in the '60's; and we think that Mr. Hill is correct in his inference that the third edition of this early list of stamps seems scarcer than the first edition. Mr. Hill adds: "Recently, I acquired for a trifling sum, an Oppen album of the 1866 edition, 200 pages, entirely interleaved with quadrille paper. Every stamp had been removed from the album although many prices had been marked on the rarities; and there were many of them. The former owner's name has been erased from title but there is the date 10-2-66. I surmise, then, that he was a rare good stamp-lover although he did paste 'em down—

even as you and I, if you, too, collected in '74. It was in November of that year that I moved to Detroit, Michigan, and began to collect." We cannot claim so early a date as 1874 as our first philatelic year; and it was in 1879 that we received an International Album as a Christmas gift. While hinges were in rather general use in the late '70's, yet the younger generation of collectors at that time were partial to mucilage; and if they were inclined to be somewhat cautious about endangering the future of their stamps, they advanced a step to the refinement of a flour and water paste.

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Origin of the Hinge—In the earliest days of collecting, the gum pot was an important accessory of the philatelist. The used stamp was pasted flatly in its place and unused stamps needed but a "lick and a dab" to firmly affix them. Countless unused stamps of the rarest mould have been denuded of their gum by the process indicated. It has been said that two French collectors, Herpin and Regnard, were the first to look askant at this harsh treatment of stamps and to recognize the rights of the reverse side of the stamp and it is told that "they accordingly mounted their stamps on thin pieces of cardboard and hinged them." The innovation was adopted by the astute gentlemen in question shortly before 1865. Only slowly however was the example copied and it is evident that the new-fangled notion received scant regard in quarters where one would think, looking backwards, that it should have been favorably received. No doubt, not a few collectors regarded the plan of hinging as a phase of the French school of collecting and arrayed themselves against it on the score of consistency, as there was a strong faction against the exploitation of the smaller details of stamps, such as the watermark and separation varieties. By 1880, about all the collectors who were at all progressive were hinging their stamps; and in the prefaces of albums, the use of hinges for mounting stamps was advised.

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A New Protective Society—The stamp dealers of France have combined in a new protective society that gives every evidence of becoming an efficient organization. The leading dealers of the country are interested and the official board as published elsewhere in this issue assures us that the organization is on a solid basis. Theodore Champion, who has been a consistent and steady advertiser in the WEEKLY, is one of the vice-presidents and will no doubt be glad to furnish information and prospectus to any American dealers who would like to become better acquainted with the aims of the new society.

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The specialist will find this card system of great use in keeping information concerning the various minor varieties not listed in the catalogue. For instance, suppose we are making a study of the 3c green. We know that the stamp catalogues 1c. What is it worth by the 100? What does a block of four bring? What is a stitch watermark worth? The human mind is a fine little card index itself, but it can't keep up with all these things. Therefore, it is necessary to supplement it with another index. Aside from the quotation feature of the system, cards can be arranged to make a complete check list of the varieties, together with notations as to scarcity, etc.

Of course, it is impossible for the general collector to make up such a system, as some thirty thousand cards would be required, and the labor of making up the system would be tremendous, and not worth the time involved. Where the collector buys only one or two copies of a stamp, it is hardly worth while to keep such an exact record of that stamp. The same remarks will apply to the dealer.

For the general dealer, who, of course, if more heavily interested in certain lines than in others, a system including only cards on such items as are of special interest is recommended. For instance, our clients call for Newfoundland Guy sets. We have none, but want some. We find that this is a set that sells readily, and is hard to keep in stock. Therefore, we decide to lay in a small supply and will be buying them from time to time. Accordingly, we make out a quotation card (as outlined a little later) and have before us, in a short time, a record of the actual auction prices of this set. Therefore, before bidding on a set, we consult our card and find very close to the exact value of the set. When three or four quotations within a short time are given, the actual value can be arrived at very closely. Also, we wish to price them at market rates, but do not know whether they are selling at catalogue or a half. Therefore, our card will show the prices asked at retail by the other dealers.

The work involved in making up and keeping up a system of this nature is slight when spread over a period of time. There are really only about a thousand items that would interest the average dealer, sufficient to make out a quotation card. Of course, the big dealer, who carries an immense stock would need a larger system, but—his stock is larger, his profits are greater, and he can afford to employ a clerk if necessary to act as a buyer for him, as several of the dealers do. This buyer would have charge of the quotation cards.

The dealer who specializes can, without much effort, make and keep up a complete system for his countries. Af-

ter the initial effort of writing the cards, keeping them up to date is not hard, as the various changes are received at intervals and only a few at a time. If such a system is installed and kept up, it will not only show what stamps are best to buy, judging from past records of increases and decreases, but it will show the actual value of the stamps from month to month, not from year to year, as outlined in the catalogue. How many of you wouldn't be willing to pay for advance information in catalogue prices, so that you could watch your market and buy in the good things before the increase comes? That is just what the dealers who know are doing. A certain dealer advised me last year to buy all of Norway No. 1 that came my way, stating that it would go to 50c from 25c. It did, and went to 75c. We both made considerable profit on the stamps we bought for that rise. If you were offered a block of four of that stamp at \$2.50, would you take it? It catalogues \$3.00, and a quotation last December shows that it brought \$10.50 at auction in pair.

In making up my quotation and data cards, I use the following plan: I use the 3 x 5 index cards and cabinet, which can be procured from any stationer at a small cost. I am at present, only interested in United States and a very few foreign stamps, so I have adopted a slightly more complicated system than needed for actual work. I use a white card for ordinary varieties as listed in Scott 1915. On the top line, I write as follows:

U. S. No. 70, 1861—Sept. 24c red lilac which is sufficient data to identify the stamp. I file the cards in numerical order, as listed in the catalogue. On the first line below the title, I have the quotations of Scott for 1910, 1912, 1914, and 1915, the unused price being in red above the used price, which is in black. For the sake of brevity, I use S10,—S12, etc. (These are not submarines.) On the next line, I put the Gibbons quotations. I have not gone back of 1915 on these. By comparing the increase from 1910 to 1915, I can judge fairly accurately as to the scarcity of the stamp. Below the Gibbons prices, I enter any wholesale or auction quotations. I usually put these in very lightly in pencil, using the abbreviation of the dealer and date of entry, and amount, keeping the unused above the line and used on the line. If only unused is given, I draw a line through the used space to prevent error, or vice versa. As I receive new quotations, I erase the old, or keep any of especial interest, and keep the lists fairly accurate. Toward the bottom of the cards, I enter prices for blocks, covers, minor varieties, etc., and find this list of exceptional value here, where catalogue is of no assistance.

In my own system, I use a buff card for the minor varieties, as I have need of more accurate information on these than the general dealer or specialist. I would suggest that this information be kept on the white cards or other colors of which the uses will be explained later. These cards usually come in but four colors. Therefore, it is advisable to keep the buff cards for data and not for prices. I keep my data in a separate index, but could keep it with the quotations very satisfactorily by using the different colored cards.

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In short, my system of colors is as follows:

White cards for normal varieties.

Buff cards for data or minor varieties important enough to warrant a separate card.

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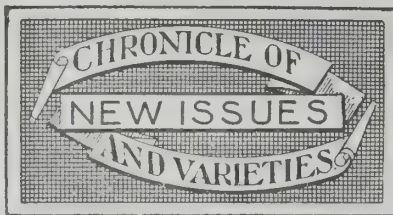
By WM. C. MICHAELS.

I was much interested in reading the article on the 5c perforated Mexico Transitorio. You might well have added to your notes the contents of Circular No. 15 issued by the Constitutionalist Postmaster General in June, 1914. I furnished you with a copy of this circular and it appeared, I believe, in one of the September, 1914, issues of the WEEKLY. It refers to the perforated 5c Transitorio, denounces it as a counterfeit and says "in the future they will not be available for postage."

This indicates, it seems, that while some of the Linn & Company "samples" found their way from the Postmaster General's office to various post offices in Sonora, and were used in the ordinary way and recognized by the postal officials, they never were formally or officially adopted, and because of the latter fact, were a short time afterward declared to be counterfeits and void, for it is difficult to understand why a stamp should be declared a counterfeit if it has ever been lawfully or formally adopted.

And yet it seems certain that many of the "samples" sent to the Postmaster General by Linn & Company were supplied to some post offices by the Postmaster General as a temporary makeshift, and that they were actually used and did postal duty, and it seems to me that such as were thus used may be properly counted as quasi-officially distributed and used stamps; or as partaking of the character of ex-officio provisionals.

I take it that all of these stamps used on covers before June 30, 1914 are collectible and ought to be, under the circumstances, recognized as provisionals. Unused copies, however, should be put on the "taboo" list as trash.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Schachne has received a new 1d postal card. It bears the kangaroo stamp and has a chalky surface.

Post Card.

1d red on white.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—The *Postage Stamp* says that of the 10sh on white back paper, 2520 stamps were printed.

CHINA.—A new Express Letter Stamp is chronicled by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* in the Republican permanent issue, inscribed "Chinese Post Office."

Express Letter Stamp.

10c green.

CURACAO.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the latest postal card for domestic use. It has the new coat of arms and the obverse is divided by a vertical wavy line.

Post Card.

2 1/2c green on greenish.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—*Ewen's Weekly* quotes the *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung* as chronicling a complete new set from 5 to 50 bit. The design of the frame, is like the King Frederick series, but with portrait of King Christian X. The new series, however, has been shortened by one value; the 30 bit has been excluded from the new issue. Copper-plate print has been adopted for the execution of these stamps, which are of an attractive appearance. The stamps are perforated 13 1/2 and printed on paper watermarked multiple crosses.

Adhesives.

5b pale green.
10b red.
15b lilac and dark brown.
20b pale green and blue.
25b blue.
40b vermilion and black.
50b yellow and brown.

EAST AFRICA AND UGANDA.—The reply postal card for international use has just been issued, according to Mr. Schachne.

Post Card.

6x6c red on buff, King George.

ECUADOR.—Hermann Focke has shown us the 50c value in the current American Bank Note set. The portrait is that of Espinoza. Stanley Gibbons gives the color as brown, but this is not correct.

Adhesive.

50c deep violet and black.

FIJI ISLANDS.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* states that the first printings of the 3d and 4d were printed on lemon-yellow paper and the 3d has now appeared on orange-yellow.

INDIA.—*Chamba*.—W. T. Wilson sends us the 2a King Edward stamp of India overprinted "On H. M. S." and "Chamba State," as noted in No. 1280.

JAMAICA.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports that the 6d King George stamp is now printed in purple and rosy mauve instead of purple and deep lilac.

LUXEMBURG.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung* is informed that new Service stamps, with the portrait of the Grand Duchess, were to have been issued June 14. The set includes the following denominations:—10, 12 1/2, 15, 25, 30, 35, 37 1/2, 40, 50, 62 1/2 centimes, 1, 2 1/2, 5 francs.

MEXICO.—Hermann Focke has shown us a cover with the 5c and 10c values of the Denver issue, overprinted Gobierno Constitucionalista in purple.

Why this should have been done is not clear, as the same words appear in the inscriptions on the stamp. Possibly this may be a control mark in this case. Or has there been a leak in the supply requiring overprinting to identify them. The cover was mailed at Mazatlan in the regular order of business.

NORTH WEST PACIFIC ISLANDS.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* for April pointed out that there were differences in the letters "S" in "Islands," viz.:—

No. 1.—First and second "S," both curves alike.

No. 2.—First and second "S," upper curve close and lower curve wide.

No. 3.—First "S," upper curve close, lower curve wide; second "S," both curves alike.

This is a peculiarity of some founts of type that certain letters may be included in two styles, and the De Vinne capital "S" varies as follows:—

S S

In the May number of which we have received advance copy, our contemporary reverts to the subject, having seen a few blocks of 30 stamps of each denomination from different quarters of the sheet. The overprint was set up 5 times vertically. No. 1 variety (first and second "S" both curves alike) appears at the top and second setting, and the variety which we described as No. 3 last month (first "S" upper curve close, lower curve wide, second "S" both curves alike) is the third setting from the top, and we now describe it as variety No. 2; No. 3 (first and second "S" upper curve close and lower curve wide) described as No. 2 variety last month, is to be found on the 4th and 5th settings. A Melbourne correspondent has informed us on very good authority that a cliché of 30 electros was made from this setting, that the sheets were torn into blocks of 30 and were overprinted 30 at a time. A collector in order to have the three varieties would require to get a vertical strip of three (the three centre stamps of the vertical setting of five).

PENRHYN ISLANDS.—The *Australian Philatelist* reports the 1/2d King Edward type overprinted in vermilion instead of deep carmine. The surcharge appears to be a new setting, as the sheet has 12 stamps showing no stop after "Island", whereas the first printings had only 8. The "2" of "1/2" is a little further off the fraction bar in the new printing. The most noticeable difference, however, is found between the setting on the pictorial 1/2d and that on the first printing of the King Edward 1/2d, the words "1/2 Peni" in the former measuring 11 mm. as against 10 mm. in the latter, whilst the space between "Penrhyn Island" and value is 1/2 mm. greater in the pictorial.

POLAND.—*Austrian Occupation*.—*Ewen's Weekly* quotes the *Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung* that the surcharged Bosnian stamps are used in the districts of Czenstochau, Petirkau, Lask and Random. The press states that the administration of these was transferred by the Germans to the Austrians on April 15, 1915.

Presumably the surcharged "K.u.K. Feldpost" cards are also employed in that region.

Further values of the Bosnia-Herzegovina set have been surcharged; the whole issue includes now the 1 heller to 10 kronen denominations.

German Occupation.—The overprinted stamps recently noted are said to be in use at nine German post offices established at Bendzin, Czenstochau, Kalisch, Kolo, Konin, Lodz, Pabianice, Sieradz, and Wloclawek, for the correspondence of the German Government and its staff, but not yet for the use of the public in general.

RUSSIA.—Leo M. Moulson is informed that most of the Romanoff stamps have been sold out and stamps of the preceding issue have been placed on sale again. Mr. Moulson says the inscription under the pictures of the current Charity stamps reads "For the help of the soldiers and their families."

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By WM. LE QUEUX.

Contrary to the statements made in press references to San Marino and the war, the tiny republic has been in a state of war with Austria ever since the Napoleonic days, and though the republic has entered into diplomatic negotiations with most other countries, it has steadfastly refused to make peace with Austria. It is the oldest independent state in the world; and standing high upon its three mountains, the three feathers of its coat of arms, it is safe from attack, being in the centre of Italy, not far from Rimini. Its area is only 32 square miles, with a population of 11,000 all of whom are very prosperous, there being no poor-law and no poor.

Napoleon's Gift.—It was founded by the monk Saint Marino in the fourth century, but would long ago have disappeared had not Napoleon guaranteed its independence. On one occasion he sent the republic three cannon, but these were promptly returned with a polite note saying that as San Marino was at peace with the world, except Austria, the guns were not required.

To-day, the army of the Republic consists of about 1,000 men, half of whom are officers, the latter taking



turns to fire the mid-day gun from the parapet in front of the Parliament House.

Though a sturdy little state, it contains many comic opera elements.

Its Gun.—Its army is brilliant in gold laced uniforms, but no shot other than the mid-day gun has ever been fired, and there have been no military manoeuvres. At one time the republic was famed as a refuge for criminals who had escaped from England, but the last treaty signed by the late Queen Victoria was one of extradition with the country, and I acted as secretary of the mission sent by the Foreign Office to ratify that treaty.

The republic is governed by a council of 60—30 nobles and 30 peasants, one of each being elected every six months as Prince Regent. In this happy little country no foreigner is allowed to hold property, nor is he allowed to reside there longer than 10 days. The people are a thrifty and patriotic race, and now Italy has declared war every man will arm himself against the common enemy.—*London Star*.

NEWFOUNDLAND STAMPS IN STOCK.

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—We have received printed matter descriptive of the aims and purposes of the Aero Mail Club recently organized. Anyone interested can no doubt obtain the prospectus, membership roll and application form by applying to Mr. Truby, whose address is given elsewhere in this issue.

—The Aero Mail Club announces the forthcoming appearance of a new volume entitled, the "U. S. Aerial Postal Service; Its History and Development," which will be published under its auspices, on or about October 1. The work will be absolutely unique in both scope and character, and will, as the title implies, embrace the most exhaustive study of this phase of our postal service ever before attempted. The volume is being compiled and edited by Russell L. Stultz, President of the Club, in collaboration with H. A. Truby and Karl Koslowski, both well-known aerial mail enthusiasts and officials of that organization, which fact affords ample assurance of its authoritativeness. For particulars address Mr. Truby, Box 231, New Kensington, Pa.

—The Fordham Stamp Exchange, Fordham, N. Y. City, would like the present address of A. B. Winograd, civil engineer, formerly 286 Beaubien St., Detroit, Mich.

—W. Peters advises us that he has been informed that John A. Flynn, Dayton, O., concerning whom inquiry was recently made, has been the victim of an automobile accident.

—The Edgewood Stamp Co. has purchased the stock of the Washington Stamp Co. of Boston, Mass.

—Fred'k Meyer, 1508 Sedgwick St., Chicago, writing Mrs. E. W. Oughtred for approvals gave Chas. Klein, 319 Elm St., same city, as reference. Letter to Klein was returned "no such number." Mrs. Oughtred also reports Chas. L. Hall based on sufficient evidence to warrant this news item. Hall is now at Powers Lake, Wis., and dealers interested should take note.

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REPORT OF SEC.-TREAS.

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Sales Manager—W. W. Norton, Lakeville, Conn.

Attorney—Albert F. Mason, Greenville, Tex.

Resignations Received.

10. Le Roy Pratt, Tacoma, Wash.

13. Geo. B. Graham, Buffalo, N. Y.

65. Clarence V. Webb, Perry, O.

Financial Report.

Am't on hand as per last Report, \$27.57

Receipts from Dues, 20.00

Total, \$47.57

Expenses.

Postage, \$2.00

To Printing Report, 2.00

Total, \$4.00

Balance on Hand, \$43.57

The vote on the change of "Official Organ" to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS was carried by a majority of 30 votes.

All members desiring to be placed on the circuit should send their names to the Sales Manager, W. W. Norton, Lakeville, Conn. Also please send in a few books of your duplicates and help "boost" this department.

The new membership list will be sent out in a few days.

ROBERT WEBER, Sec.-Treas.

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255th Meeting, July 1, 1915.

Meeting was called to order at 9.00 P. M. by President Klein. The minutes of our previous meeting were then read and adopted.

The Treasurer reports our finances as \$141.91 with no bills outstanding; also that our new membership list is ready for distribution.

Mr. Klein reported and brought with him the "Exhibit Winner Certificates" which the Secretary will have filled out and presented to the winners of our monthly exhibits.

It was with regret that we accepted the resignation of Isidore Roos.

It was regularly moved and seconded that Mr. Vahan Mojian be permitted to hold auction sales in our meeting rooms on any of the second meeting nights in July, August and September.

We regret very much to hear of the death of our friend and fellow member Mr. C. Pilz who was killed on the battlefield in East Prussia on May 14, 1915. We extend our sympathy to his relatives.

The President called attention to the invitation of the National Philatelic Society's Third Annual Convention on July 22, 23, 24, at Aschenbroedel Hall, 144 East 86th Street.

Mr. I. Weltman of 119 East 23rd Street, was proposed by Mr. Singer and seconded by Mr. Denzau.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

Next meeting July 15th, 8 P. M. Visitors welcome.

G. DENZAU, Sec.

TURKISH WAR MARKS.

Turkey is using a variety of special war postmarks and censor marks. The censor marks I have seen are rectangular and impressed in violet. An elliptical mark, hand-stamped in red, is used for denoting that the letter has been sanctioned by the censor of the Ottoman Empire to be forwarded to an address abroad. The same mark is impressed in black on letters coming from abroad, the Turkish inscriptions signifying, "Have acquainted ourselves with contents—allowed to proceed." A long oblong mark impressed in black is said to read, "Temporary postmark during war time."—London Telegraph.

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25c dark violet, No. 8 .03
50c carmine, No. 9 .03
2g 50c green and violet, No. 10 .35
1876-86, *1c slate green, No. 11 .04
1c slate green, No. 11 .03
2c red brown, No. 12 .06
*2c fawn, No. 12a .75
2c fawn, No. 12a .10
*2c orange, No. 14 .50
*12c gray, No. 15 .06
12c gray, No. 15 .03
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*2c red brown, No. 18 .02
2c red brown, No. 18 .01
*2c yellow brown, No. 18a .06
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*2c yellow, No. 19 .03
2c yellow, No. 19 .02
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THE PASSING OF THE COLLECTION.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The summons had come. I was on my way into the hills. The trail was long, and my return was at least three days distant. I did not like to leave the tent-house and its household gods alone, but there was no one with whom I felt free to entrust its treasures. The gods are sometimes good,—and this, opportunely, was one of the times.

The notes of "Old Heidelberg" were wafted on the summer breezes. The bass and tenor were known to me. I felt a seemingly elation, for the mingled voices meant safety for the tent-house.

Around a bend in the trail came Jimmy O' and Eddy Fyne, riding slowly and singing somberly. They finished. Then came a cheerful roar of greetings.

"An' t' think o' us wastin' our sweet strains on the desert air was bad enough," began Jimmy O', "thout their bein' desecrated by listenin' ears f'om the environs o' Willow."

"Oh, heck! Jimmy, cut and iron language and let's find out sumthin'," said Eddy, disgustedly.

I explained my errand into the hills, passed over the keys of the shack, and went my way.

At the end of three days, upon my return, I found the tent-house spotless. The twins had been thorough. Even my much-loved and carefully treasured books had been dusted individually by hands which I knew must be Jimmy O's,—for he loved books and handled them in a manner that betokened reverence.

Half an hour later Jimmy O' and Eddy came up the path.

"I had a horse once I thought a heap of," began Jimmy, after the first greetings were over and he had settled into a soft spot on the ground. The hammock had been abandoned to me. "That horse sure would turn on a half dollar. One time, I went into this here town o' Willow, an' one o' them Evans school boys f'om back in Boston saw that there horse and lowed he'd own 'im. Me—I sure needed about \$60 that day, an' I sol' 'im."

Jimmy lighted his cigarette, and I saw him no more for five minutes. But his voice came out of the cloud.

"Nex' day I felt some lonesome—me with a new horse I paid 'leven dollars for, plannin' to break 'im. He sure kep' me busy fer a while—that new cayuse o' mine. But I fin'ly gits 'im good. Not havin' 'im on my mind is bad fer me. I kep' thinkin' o' that there cayuse I sold t' th' Evans boy."

"Well, I seen th' boy, awhile later. He sure treated that horse o' mine fine, but he wa'n't ridin' th' range, an' I knew poor ol' Pinto was sure lonesome. He hears my voice, an' whinners. Say! I sure thought then I was lots worse'n Judas."

"Well, I hung aroun' that town, off an' on, till school closes. The boy 'lows he'll ride up t' Flag, 'ith me fer guide, an' as reward I gits ol' Pinto back fer keeps."

Here Jimmy became visible again.

I began to get the drift. I had sent my collection of stamps away back East to be sold—joyously, at the first; then later, when I began to miss them, regretfully; now remorsefully. Bitterly I repented. But the ones most loved had passed forever, and the rest had lost their identity so far as the old album was concerned. It was the need of the passing hour which had caused the transfer.

"You, see, if th' boys had a-known," continued Jimmy O', "I could a-got anythin' f'om them any time. But I wasn't peepin'—not me. So I jest pays the penalty, and suffers along. But I got ole Pinto back."

We went into the house. Eddy was silent. He looked like a hired mourner, and anything I said fell flat. Jimmy O' was maker of the conversation.

"I'm mighty glad t' see th' lib'ry," resumed Jimmy, from the confines of the easy chair. "Now that there set o' the ol' 'American Journal'—an' them there Trifet's 'Mercury'—an' that Kline's

third edition—well, when I see them, I says to Eddy, 'Maybe he had a aberration, like me th' time I sells Pinto.' Eddy he thinks so, too."

Eddy grunted assent.

"But, friend o' ours, w'y didn't yo' say sumthin'? Here we are—Moore an' Eddy an' me—just plum' loco with money. We'd a staked you."

I explained the passing years,—the fact that I was no longer young,—that my journalistic labors were not so productive as of old,—all the specious pleas I could muster. But they fell flat. The boys thought they had been treated unfairly.

"When you was gone, I made another c'lector," began Jimmy. "He was that sick he'd 'bout given up ever'thing but the ghost—which wouldn't walk. Said he'd sell out an' quit. Me—I staked 'im. 'E's gone up on th' range now."

"Arizony's plum' full o' 'em, now—c'lectors," interpolated Eddy, breaking the silence for the first time.

"This here chap got off'n the train, feelin' blue as a whetstone. I see he was one o' them down-an'-outers, an' I jest nacherly warmed up ter 'im," resumed Jimmy.

"Son," I says, 'the world's all right, but, for the love o' Mike! ain't some o' the folks in it plum' ornery?'"

"He kind o' grinned, then he ups an' tells me all about it—after I'd towed 'im up here t' th' hummock. Same ol' story. Lungs no good—had t' throw up 'is job—newspaper man, too—name o' Milton Ray. Said he'd known you an' Maxy Solyman, back East, on a paper you-all worked on. Maxy he c'lected, too, 'e says."

I knew the boy as a success and as a very hard worker,—knew, too, the old agonies of mind and body which the poisoned air of that death-trap building had brought to many of us. Five of my co-workers were dead and of the old guards none now remained with the paper. The sorrow of it.

"Well, he's ridin' range, now, an' eatin' three, and prayin' fer a sight o' the 'ole familiar faces.' You'll see 'im w'en you-all gits up t' Three-Bar-X again."

Eddy showed signs of animation. He poked around his roll of bedding for a moment, then pulled out a long black covered little book, in which I knew he carried a few of his choicest treasures mainly "on entire." He passed it over without further words.

I opened it. There were a five cents New York postmaster's stamp, on original,—fine margins; a five cents Confederate, of a beautiful shade of olive. It was slightly damaged in one corner; but it was a rarity. It too was on original. And, wonder of wonders and beyond compare! My eyes opened wide—for there was the only ninety cents 1869 I had ever heard of on entire,—a bright, beautiful copy, very light cancellation. It was on one of those long yellow envelopes, which lawyers use for mailing documents, and the seal and tape had been preserved intact.

Jimmy did not look at me,—nor Eddy.

"Where—where did it come from, Eddy?" I asked, at last,—for the postmark was my native city, and the handwriting and address were most familiar.

"He sent it—that chap Jimmy O'. an' Johnny Williams staked 'long time ago,—that homesick chap f'om Lodi. Said he'd sent this fer mem'ry's sake," said Eddy. "An' so, friend o' ours, we start ye all over agin,—you c'n c'lect entire!"

And, turning deaf ears to my exclamations, Jimmy O' and Eddy Fyne joyously arose and started back to the range.

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EGYPT—A HISTORY OF ITS STAMPS.

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By R. E. R. DALWICK.

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The notice issued by the Government in 1865 lays forth the conditions and stipulations regarding the monopoly of the postal service and all matters appertaining thereto.

The decree being rather long only extracts of interest to the collector of Egyptian stamps are given:

RULES FOR THE INTERNAL POSTAL SERVICE.

(This decree comes into force on January 1st, 1866).

Art. 1.—The monopoly of the postal service belongs by right to the Government.

Art. 2.—The following are exempt from this monopoly:—

(i) Newspapers and periodicals distributed in the town where they were printed.

(ii) Letters, circulars, etc., by societies, firms, etc., delivered in the same place where they are established.

(iii) Plans, law papers in connection with the courts, registers, etc., unaccompanied by a letter.

(iv) Freight notes, bills of lading, etc., brought by captains, carriers, porters, muleteers, or others having reference only to the goods they carry.

(v) Letters, even closed, and newspapers, when taken by persons, if the number is not such as to be deemed to be a business matter.

(vi) Letters and papers referring to the railway service, and taken over the lines.

Art. 3.—Messengers, muleteers, captains, or owners of rafts, etc., arriving at any port or place within the state must take all the correspondence which they bring to the next post office.

Art. 4.—The postal officials have to watch that the administration of the railway, the steamship companies, or their agents, owners of public vehicles, etc., do not take or convey letters or other correspondence.

Art. 5.—The rate of postage for ordinary letters is according to weight so much for each ten grammes or any portion thereof.

Art. 8.—The prepayment of ordinary letters is optional, that of registered letters compulsory.

Art. 46.—All the taxes due to the postal administration . . . are represented by the affixing of one or more stamps according to the corresponding amount of the different established tariffs of the present regulation.

Art. 47.—The preparation of the paper used for the stamps, and the manufacture thereof, is reserved to the Government, which determines their shape and the price.

Art. 48.—The stamps for ordinary letters must be put on by the sender, those for registered letters by the postal officials.

Art. 49.—All stamps will be obliterated at the office of origin. Insufficiently stamped letters will be charged to the necessary amount to be collected from the receiver.

Art. 50.—The postage for letters that are not franked will be put on the address side in large figures.

Art. 52.—The prepayment of correspondence by means of stamps cut in two is inadmissible, the value of such stamps is lost to the sender, and newspapers franked with cut stamps will be destroyed.

In case of frauds by means of these stamps, that is to say forgeries or trying to re-use used stamps, etc., communication will be made with the Director-General with the object of bringing the culprit to justice.

Art. 53.—All correspondence will be delivered at the post offices (no delivery).

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1. First Issue.

The earliest note appertaining to Egypt's first regular issue appears to have been made in "The Stamp Collectors Magazine" of January, 1864, the text running:

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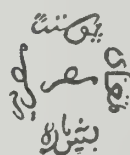
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The remarks about an English firm of printers did not materialize, nor is it even definitely known whether any British firm was ever actually approached upon the matter.

As announced on January 1st, 1866, seven different denominations in various designs were put into circulation.



The illustration gives a good idea of the oriental designs, but it should be noted that in all cases the face value appears in legible figures, so that there is no confusion.



The Overprint. The Watermark.

The stamps were printed on a greyish-white medium wove paper, watermarked (except the 1 piastre) with a pyramid surmounted by an eight rayed star—the star representing "Sirius," symbolic of the periodical rise of the Nile.

The stamps were lithographed in sheets of 200 in ten rows of twenty each by Messrs. Pellas Bros. of Genoa—but we must exclude the 1 piastre, about which we shall have more to say later.

The Turkish overprint (in black) was applied by lithography, but was typographed on the 1 and 2 piastres.

There is no definite information available as to whether the overprint was applied at Genoa or locally; opinion varies. A keen student of Egyptian stamps, the late M. Cantel Bey, stated that the overprints on all values were applied in Egypt.

Much has been written and said regarding the method of production of this issue, but we believe the above to be absolutely correct, both as regards the stamps themselves and the overprint.

None of the aforementioned remarks hold good in the case of the 1 piastre stamp.

This value is peculiar both as regards its printing and make up of the sheet, not to mention a glossy unwatermarked paper.

It has been suggested that this particular denomination was not printed by Fratelli Pellas—a statement which is quite inaccurate.

Why then was this value on unwatermarked paper, typographed and printed in two panes of 100 stamps each instead of the usual sheet of 200?

Probably this value, urgently wanted as representing the inland postage, had been printed before the arrival of the watermarked paper. When the watermarked paper reached the printers they found that instead of arranging the stamps in two panes (as was the case with the 1 piastre sheet) it was necessary to arrange them in unbroken panes [sheet] to fit the watermark.

The ordinary six values (excluding the 1 piastre stamp) were made up of 200 clichés or transfers, and as it was not known that the top and bottom halves of the stamps were slightly different, tête bêche pairs of minor importance occur on all sheets, owing to the fact

that the clichés were placed haphazard into the formes.

The printed sheets bore marginal inscriptions:

Top—"VICE REALI POSTE EGIZIANE".
Right—"FRANCIBOLLI" (and value) "PARA 5," etc.

Bottom—"MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI."

Left—Same as right, but reading upwards.

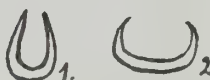
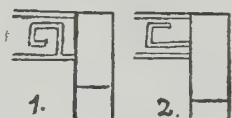
The 1 piastre sheet contained two panes of 100 each (side by side vertical) divided by a blank white space. The marginal inscriptions are the same as for the other denominations, but the type is much smaller.

It will be noticed that the upper and lower half of each stamp is apparently the same reversed: this at any rate was the intention of the artist.

Naturally, however, slight variations occurred in all the seven designs and in no case are the "top" and "bottom" portions of the design exact duplicates of each other, so that in making up the printing formes or plates the workmen made no attempt to distinguish between the two halves.

The application of the Turkish overprint finally decided the question as to which was the top of the stamp for the central device should appear with the circle uppermost.

The overprint, therefore, made two types for each stamp.



5 Paras.
I. Upper right hand corner. "A" of "PARA" between two points of star.
II. "A" of "PARA" has one point of star pointing towards it.

10 Paras.
I. Upper right hand corner. Ornament next to border containing word PARA starts vertically.

II. Ornamentation starts horizontally.

20 Paras.
I. Above the centre of the design is a small loop which is almost closed at the top.

II. The loop is more open and flat in appearance.

1 Piastre.
I. The upper scrolls of the central oval do not meet.
II. The scrolls meet.

2 Piastres.
I. In the left hand top corner under the rope-like ornament has ten entwining sections.

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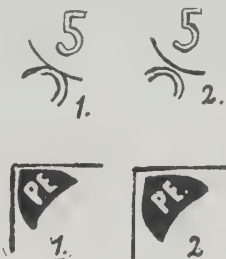
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II. The rope has eleven sections.



I. At the right hand top corner the loop touches the circle enclosing the figure "5."
II. The loop does not touch the circle.

I. In upper left hand corner the "P" of "P.E." is badly formed.
II. The "P" is more accurately drawn.

There were two distinct printings of the 2 piastres:

(i) With marginal inscriptions uniform with the remaining five denominations (excluding the 1 piastre).
 (ii) With marginal inscriptions in a smaller type (an intermediate type between that used for the 1 piastre and the other values).

According to the late M. Cantel Bey the printed sheets were despatched from Pellas Bros. imperforate, and were perforated at Alexandria by a single-line machine. Many years ago some proof sheets were found in the old establishment of Pellas Bros., of a sheet of the 1 piastre was discovered with the regular perforation. This discovery has brought some specialists to the conclusion that the sheets were perforated at Genoa. Acting on our original assumption that the 1 piastre was the first value printed, it is quite probable that the 1 piastre was perforated at Genoa; the machine then being sent to Alexandria where the other denominations were perforated. The issue is listed as Perf. 12 1/2, but we have seen undoubted compounds 12 1/2 x 13, although inferior workmanship may account for this. All values exist imperforate, partly imperforate and with double perf. (usually horizontal).

One of Egypt's most interesting and rare stamps is the 5 piastres with overprint of the 10 piastre stamp. There can be little doubt that this error was discovered before many specimens were sold for the simple reason that in imperforate state it appears to be less rare than perforated. The sheets were probably held back, but later they leaked out from official sources. This error is known perforated 12 1/2 x 15.

The 10 piastres with overprint of the 5 piastre denomination is a fake.

Until quite recent times the 10 piastres tête bêche was catalogued at about £40. This tête-bêche overprint variety never existed, however, in the original sheets and is a fabrication pure and simple. Unoverprinted pairs of proofs or printer's waste were overprinted to make this variety.

(To be continued.)

STAMP STOCK STOLEN.

R. S. Green of Cincinnati, O., has had the misfortune of having two stock books stolen from his office and dealers are advised that they may have offerings made them through which the thieves may be traced. Any information will be greatly appreciated by Mr. Green.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—To relieve the sufferings of Belgium's war stricken population a stamp collectors' auction will soon be held in London. Fred J. Melville appeals to us, through a letter just at hand, to invite contributions for this sale from American philatelists. Stamps may be sent him care of *Daily Telegraph*, London, Eng.

—Cards are out announcing the marriage of the popular dealer Wendover Neefus of Hudson, N. Y. Congratulations certainly from the WEEKLY and his host of patrons. The happy event took place July 14 at Hudson.

—Washington, D. C., Branch has decided to invite the S. P. A. convention to their city next year and wish that all who make out their proxies instruct for Washington, 1916.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from W. G. Birdseye, H. W. Boers (3), Carl L. Mundy, Rev. Fred A. Weil, M. J. Fenster.

—"Would like to call your attention to a couple of articles, both in women's magazines, perhaps related somewhat distantly to our hobby. The *Woman's Companion* publishes nearly a quarter page illustration of letters received by them in one of their contests showing U. S. Stamps in a number of varieties, from two to eight on each letter. The *Housewife* has a story, "A 33rd Degree Optimist," which brings in rather cleverly the old stamps found in a barrel of rubbish."—J. H. MASSEY.

—Will subscribers who have sent us summer vacation addresses with date of return please send us a postcard when it will be in order to send the paper to the home address. One change of address at a time is all we can comfortably handle.

—The Columbian Stamp Co. would like the address of W. Denny, formerly of Lawrence, Kan. A letter to that address has been returned, "unclaimed."

IN OPPOSITION.

To the Editor:—

The Los Angeles Branch, No. 35, A. P. S., have gone on record as being opposed to the publication of verbatim reports of Conventions in the *American Philatelist*.

We are convinced that a very large part of the membership cares very little about reading such verbatim reports.

We are more than convinced that the great majority of members would much prefer to see the money now wasted on these long winded reports, expended on hand books or articles for the *Am. Philatelist* with occasional plates of stamps.

I realize that the time now left before the convention is short in which to agitate this question but if it is not beyond the realms of the WEEKLY I should like to see the question brought forcibly to the attention of its readers and trust to it that some of the delegates to San Francisco will bring the question prominently before the Convention.

The collectors of Los Angeles will be pleased to meet visiting collectors, and if they will make their presence known to any of the following local dealers the two local Societies will be notified.

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A. N. Caudell, of Washington, D. C., who is with the delegation from Almas Temple, gave his general experience as a stamp collector in the capital city.

Dr. W. J. Mitchell, of Wichita, with the Midian Temple crowd, talked of pre-cancelled collections in the United States, in which branch of philatelics he has specialized.

Another talk was made by C. W. Kissinger, of Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa., who is president of the Southeastern Philatelic Association.—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

MARSHALL ISDS.—NO STAMPS.

"In view of recent events, it will be of interest to collectors to read the following statement made by Mr. Whalen, manager of the Islands Department of Messrs. Burns, Philp & Co., to a reporter of one of the Sydney dailies, and which was published: 'At Jaluit postage stamps are not used. When a letter is taken to the post office it is read by a censor, and if passed for transmission the sender pays in cash the amount of the charge. The change has not caused any bother, and is working just as smoothly as did the old system.'—*Aust. Philatelist*.

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AMONG OUR ADVERTISERS.

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First note the big Togo advertisements of Dalwick and Bright & Son.

The quarter pages of Pollard and the Fulton Stamp Co. are particularly noticeable. Mr. Pollard is taking quarter pages in four successive numbers, which is a marked tribute to the value of the WEEKLY as an advertising medium. L. G. Barrett, calling attention to this advertisement and the desirability of envelope collecting, takes adv. space also offering envelopes.

Young and Passmore are with us with wholesale offerings. Now is the time for the prospective dealer to get his stock in order for the new season soon to open, and both these dealers can accommodate with small wholesale lots to suit one's purse.

L. A. Beebe commences this week a campaign of poster stamp advertising and hopes to interest many collectors in this cousin of stamp collecting. We have already noted the San Diego Stamp Co.'s appearance in our columns and this firm will be with us permanently. P. G. Beals is back again.

A really new name is Willard E. Gardiner, whose attractive two-inch advertisement will be noted.

When next week an entire page is taken by a well-known firm, our subscribers will be compelled to take notice. There may be dullness in some lines of trade, but it is not so with the WEEKLY and the live dealer appreciates that fact.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Stamp of Gold—A dealer in Chicago was fortunate enough to find a five cent August, unused, in a collection that was rich in old U. S. that he bought "over the counter." The dealer discovered the August variety upon examining the pur-

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chase at his leisure and as it happened, a visiting stamp man was the first to see the specimen; or at any rate, he seemed to be the first serious contender for the stamp. He secured a favorable price on the variety and begging a half-hour's option on the stamp, he obtained the purchase price in part from a friend, as naturally he did not have cash to the amount necessary in his pocket. The transaction was completed and another five cent August is added to the visible supply. The copy is a very fine one and retains about all of its original gum; and it may be needless to add has all the paper and gum characteristics of the issue as well as the truncated ornaments in the corners. In all probability, it will not be long before this stamp will fill a gap in one of the great collections. An honest tale speeds best; and knowing that all our riches are not stored up in heaven, the man who bought the stamp naturally turned to us for financial succor temporarily.

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Convention Reports—We have been notified by Mr. Joseph S. Davis that the Los Angeles Branch of the American Philatelic Society places itself on record as opposing the publication in the future of verbatim reports of the proceedings of the convention. Elsewhere, we shall try to make room for Mr. Davis' communication so that the position of the opponents may be fully understood. Quite properly, it is proposed to bring the subject up for discussion at the San Francisco convention. We are aware that objection has existed to the literal reports of the convention in all their trivialities and non-essentials but when it was openly manifested, it did not seem to make the head-way expected. A full and frank discussion of the point should loan a bit of interest to the convention.

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Add—The list of locals must make place for another companion which a Buffalo reader has introduced to the philatelic public through the medium of the WEEKLY. Only infrequently nowadays does the local, "hitherto unchronicled" make its appearance.

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Faith—We shall not reopen the discussion on the five centavos perforated

Sonora, Transitorio, but we relay the information received from Mr. W. Parker Lyon that he obtained from the Mexican consulate in Los Angeles, no fewer than ten different town cancellations on this stamp, on envelopes that had done actual postal duty and many of which were addressed to the consul himself. Mr. Lyon is a partizan of the Sonora stamps, a deduction that we shrewdly make when he tells us that he has purchased Mr. Linn's collection of Sonora and combined it with his own impressive lot of these stamps. Some time ago, we spoke of a printed censor's label on a Mexican envelope addressed to this country and we may add that Mr. Linn has a type-written censor's label on cover as well as another in red ink, with the written words: "Revisado por el censor." Mexico is a regular country now that it is matching European enterprise.

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Summer Recreation—From Mr. Paul Dillingham, we have received a breezy budget of comment from which we extract the momentous information that our remarks about the "cracked plate" three cent green U. S. got under his skin and he looked over eighteen hundred of the stamp and found no sign of a scratch. "Who's cracked now?" he feverishly asks. He says further that in our "album of song" remarks have been made recently about old albums; and he rises to remark that when J. W. Scott first issued his Best album, the current price of each stamp was printed in the space allotted to it. He wishes to know if some kind dealer will offer to supply him at the aforesaid market prices.

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Dream Stuff—A recondite writer on "Dreams" says that it is a peculiarity that even the most inveterate dreamer never distinctly sees colors in his gossamer webs of fancy but we know that in the "pleasing dreams and slumbers light" of the collector who lives for his stamps, he sees the colors plainly of the batch of ninety cent, 1869, and other choice rarities that he finds on covers in his sleep. When the philatelist begins to dream about stamps he may know that he is Philatelia's captive; and here, we ask: Have you had any stamp dreams lately that are worth telling to our refined and fastidious readers?

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New Wrinkle—The following announcement has been made by the Postmaster General, whereby Section 458½ of the Postal Laws and Regulations have been amended: "On and after September 1, 1915, the postmaster at the mailing office may, on payment of one cent, give the sender of an ordinary parcel of fourth-class mail a receipt therefor. A postage stamp to cover the charge for the receipt shall be affixed thereto. The name and address of the addressee of the parcel shall be written in the receipt by the sender. Postmasters desiring additional information on this subject should address the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Registered Mails."

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Old Collecting Hint—A correspondent says: "I was much interested in your remarks on the origin of hinges, as you put it. You may be interested to know that so late as 1884, the 'Preface' to the International album contained the following warning words: 'In regard to inserting the stamps in their places, care should be taken to use pure gum arabic; many valuable collections have been entirely spoiled by using prepared mucilage, which in course of time will turn nearly every stamp yellow. A much better plan is to use the small pieces of gummed paper sold by stamp dealers, for hinging the stamp to the book; the great advantage of this system is that both sides of the stamp can be examined if necessary, and a poor specimen can at any time be removed to make room for a better one, without injury to stamp or album.'

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Well Liked—A number of readers have expressed their satisfaction upon having seen the illustrations of the "old postal circular" in the issue of July 10th; and one of our friends is so encomiastic as to say that the reproductions are the most valuable bits of lore to U. S. students "that may be conceived of." We have several similar old notices and documents that we shall depict from time to time as we are convinced that there are not a few philatelists who attend closely to the old printed postal records. In this connection we ask that if any of our readers has something in the curious or antiquarian line that possesses a philatelic interest, we should be pleased to be informed about it.

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By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

There has been considerable excitement on the London stamp market by the arrival of stocks of the new Togo provisional stamps, the current King George stamps of the Gold Coast overprinted

TOGO ANGLO-FRENCH OCCUPATION.

Apparently very few dealers have obtained large supplies, and the lucky ones have had some difficulty in fixing a starting price for the novelties. Their importations have been obtained in most instances at face value, with perhaps an agent's commission, but one dealer was offered £1,000 premium on his parcel, and others have been offered double face value on large quantities. The very poor overprinting is largely responsible for the dealers' interest in these new provisionals. They were overprinted in Accra in panes of sixty stamps, there being two such panes to each sheet. But the printing is so bad that the speculative stamp man foresees its early supersession by an overprinting executed more efficiently in London.

There are several interesting varieties which occur in all the values, the most notable of which is the one with a small capital "F" instead of the large initial in "FRENCH." This occurs three times in each pane of sixty stamps.

The prices already quoted for these new stamps issued only last month are, of course, quite speculative. They may or may not be justified by the extent of the issue, but it is not unlikely that they will prove a profitable acquisition, as the demand for war provisionals of the former German colonies has been enormous not only in Europe, but in America and Australia.

The following are some of the prices I have noted:

The set of seven low values, ½d to 1s, is selling at from 7s 6d to 8s 6d (face value 2s 3d).

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The aims of this society are:

1. To establish friendly relations between the members and to facilitate their business connections;
2. To bring forward motions, to study and to work up means proper for developing stamp business;
3. To protect the interest of its members and to help them as far as possible by giving information, references and useful advices;
4. To fight against forgeries and forgers.

In order to attain these aims the Society will hold monthly sessions, publish a Bulletin, establish a library, attend to the circulation of stamps and expertise stamps of the members of the Society.

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CHAT CHAT ON POSTAL CARDS.

By MAITLAND MILLIKEN.

Did you know that French is a more universally used language than the English, on cards

Australia has recently issued a penny Kangaroo carmine on white postal card, also a penny King George letter card dark purple on gray.

A circular postmark with value and date 1877 passing as a stamp in red on blue bordered card was the unique emission of Jamaica.

It is a handsome card that this glorious country of ours should have first gotten out in 1873. The later issues are quite a disappointment.

When the new American catalogue of postal and letter cards is issued, postal card collecting will experience a boom among the American collectors, the like of which has not been seen for a dozen years. There will be many "come-backs" resurrected into the old fold.

Germany has a very large number of card collectors and several flourishing card societies. One of the latter is said to maintain a catalogue for the benefit of its members showing current quotations on cards from all over the world.

It has been noted that several large holders of cards have been detaching or tearing off double or reply cards to make them single to sell to collectors. This practice should be discouraged. Original double cards are harder to secure and worth more money than otherwise.

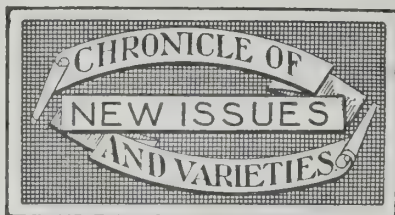
Several months ago Percy McGraw Mann issued a "P. S. N. List of United States Postal Cards." This pamphlet of 10 pages lists over 100 minor varieties of all cards issued from 1873 to date. Collectors having U. S. cards should secure a copy at the low cost of 12c from the author as they will find a new lot of varieties to search for and add to their collections.

GERMAN OCCUPATION OF BELGIUM.

"With regard to the installation of the German Civil Post in the occupied parts of Belgium, we glean the following from the *Tagespresse*:—

"The re-opening of the Postal Service within the territory of the German General Government of Belgium has now been completed. All places and localities in this territory have been annexed to the newly-created postal net of the German Postal and Telegraphic Administration of Belgium. The territory encloses the provinces of Antwerp, Brabant, Limburg, Liege, Luxembourg, Namur, and the province Henne-gau, with the exception of the district of Tournai. In this territory are, besides, included the French places of Givet and Fumay, with the postal stations of Aubrives, Fumay, Givet, Hargnies, Haybes and Virlux-Molhain. Not included are Maubeuge and surrounding. This French part, which is assigned to the General Government of Belgium, belongs, like the provinces of East and West Flanders and the district of Tournai, still to the range of the Field Post Office of the Western Armies.

"From June 1st the postal service between Switzerland and the chief places of Belgium, like Brussels, Liege, Namur, Antwerp, etc., is again entertained. The letters must be posted in open envelopes, and, naturally, must not contain any military information."—S. B. Z. tr. by *Ewen's Weekly*.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—S. E. Colman announces the appearance of the 10c Panama Pacific in the perf. 10 variety which completes the set in this perforation. Mr. Colman adds:—

"The new perf. 10 3/4 is giving satisfaction and will, no doubt, be adopted by the P. O. Dept. So far only the 2c has been issued."

Kendall P. Smith reports the following new envelopes, the numbers being according to Bartels' Catalogue:

2c Die B, white, size 5, K. 87, wmk. 18.
2c Die B, white, size 8, —, wmk. 18.
2c Die B, white, size 13, K. 89, wmk. 17.
2c Die B, white, size 13, K. 89, wmk. 18.

D. D. Berolzheimer describes the new watermark for United States envelopes as showing "U S" intertwined, with "1915" at the top, the figures being separated by the upper parts of the large letters.

J. W. Casper submits a freak cancellation on the 3c of 1870-71, so arranged as to form a woman's face in George's back hair. Our correspondents are evidently studying their stamps closely, but genuine varieties are as scarce as ever.

CANADA.—D. D. Berolzheimer has shown us a new wrapper from Canada. The inscription sufficiently explains its use as follows: "This wrapper to be used only by publishers and for the sole purpose of mailing second class matter to the United States." These wrappers have been in use in the Dominion for years, though it is the first we have seen with portrait of King George.

Publishers' Wrapper.
1c green on manila.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Hermann Focke sends us a new Dominican Republic creation which seems to indicate the near-end of the surcharged official stamps which have been in circulation for only a short time. The stamp is a reproduction of the 1912 German issue, made in the Republic, with the color changed from carmine to brown, and with an additional surcharge of the year 1915 in red, to prove its genuineness. The original issue, as previously stated, was demonetized on account of theft from the Santo Domingo Post Office of a large amount, which circumstance, no doubt, stands for the reason of the above stated change in color and the surcharge.

Adhesive.

With "1915" in red.
1c yellow brown and black.

Jacques Krebs has also favored us with a specimen of the above stamp.

FRANCE.—*Offices in Morocco*.—Though advertised some time ago, the Stamp Shop calls attention to the fact that a permanent Red Cross stamp has been issued for the French Offices in Morocco. The Red Cross and addition to value contained in a tablet cut into the design just above "Maroc." The stamp is overprinted "Protectorat—Français" in black.

Red Cross Adhesive.

10x5c carmine.

FRENCH OCEANICA.—Two Red Cross stamps are reported by our French contemporaries, Lemaire and Maury. The 15c blue of 1892, 15c gray of 1900 have been overprinted locally with a Red Cross and the word, "Tahiti," in red. Of the 15c blue, 1800 specimens were overprinted, and of the 15c gray 10,000 stamps were thus treated.

In addition to these Red Cross stamps, a provisional 10c stamp has been made

UNITED STATES CUT SQUARES

Having received many requests from clients, who write that they have neglected this section of their album, for packets I have decided to make a special offer positively only for July and August.

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BRYANT POLLARD

DEALER IN STAMPS AND ENVELOPES

[83]

PROCTORSVILLE,

VERMONT

Send for my Price List of

British Colonies WHITE BACKS

CHAS. S. OSGOOD, SALEM, MASS.

necessary by the exhaustion of the supply of the 10c of 1913. The overprint reads "E F O" ("Etablissements Francais Oceanique") and the date, "1915", separated by a rule.

Provisional Adhesive.

10c red and black.

Red Cross Adhesives.

15c blue and red.

15c gray and red.

ICELAND.—*Stamp Collecting* reports that the 5 ore green of the current dual portrait set has appeared on paper with the new multiple cross watermark.

INDIA.—*Kishengarh*.—*Stamp Collecting* reports two new values in the current issue, printed on glazed paper and rouletted.

Adhesives.

1 rupee red lilac.

5 rupees brown.

MAURITIUS.—The Stamp Shop has shown us the 12c King George stamp. *Stamp Collecting* says this stamp was placed on sale May 21, though sent out in 1913.

Adhesive.

12c gray.

MIDDLE CONGO.—*Stamp Collecting* reports a rumor to the effect that the stamps of this French colony are to be overprinted "Territoires du Tchad" for use in the hinterland of Cameroons.

NEW ZEALAND.—The *Daily Telegraph* says:

"The halfpenny King George stamp of New Zealand was expected to be on sale in the Dominion July 3. This will be the first of the long delayed Georgian series of which so much is expected in the way of portraiture, design and execution. In style it resembles the simple treatment of the portrait of Queen Victoria on the first adhesive postage stamp, issued just seventy-five years ago. Elaborate care has been taken by the New Zealand authorities over this issue, and even after the present design was passed and the die engraved, the die was sent back to England for improve-

ment in details. Now the plates are understood to be ready for most of the denominations, but there is a technical difficulty, which may delay the issue of the other values for some weeks."

RHODESIA.—According to Mr. Schachne, an international postal card, bearing the portrait of King George has been issued.

Post Card.

1d red on cream.

ST. VINCENT.—Hermann Focke writes: "It may be of interest to you and others that the issue of the recent St. Vincent provisional "ONE PENNY" on 1sh black on green consisted of 15,590 stamps, and that only the fact that the entire issue was bought up by a few speculators makes the stamp a desirable acquisition—at a fair price!"

Mr. Schachne reports the first King George cards issued for this colony.

Post Cards.

3d green on buff.

1d red on buff.

SIAM.—Philip H. Ward, Jr., reports another provisional from this country, the 2a violet and slate of 1906 having been surcharged "2 satang" like the 2s on 1a noted recently. The same error, accent over "g" of "Satang", occurs on this sheet also. The last year's provisionals, 5s on 6s and 10s on 12s have been reprinted and minor differences can be noted in the surcharges.

Provisional Adhesive.

"2 satang" on 2a violet and slate.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—We are indebted to the Stamp Shop for specimens of the new postage dues noted in No. 1280.

The first postal card issued for this confederation is chronicled by Mr. Schachne. The impressed stamp bears the likeness of King George.

Post Card.

3d green on cream.

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This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell, or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world. RATE.—20c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words (32 letters) to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for \$7.50, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the widespread scattering of approval selections.

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100 British Col. and 1000 For., 20c. D. L. CURRAN, 66 Thorp St., Binghamton, N.Y. [tf]

U. S. Precancels, 100 var., 20c; 200 var., 50c. Approvals for reference. ROBT. WEBER, Galeton, Pa. [tf]

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Want Lists Wanted; send yours to us with Bank references. We will do the rest. MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada. [tf]

Allow 32 letters to the line. [tf]

Bargains in fine used C. Am. Ref. for approvals. H. Chitraro, 500 W. 123d St., N.Y. City. [tf]

Wholesale list of Sixty Large pages, cheapest in America, will soon be issued—is your name on our Mailing List? MARKS STAMP CO., Toronto, Canada. [tf]

Fine U. S. free to purchasers from approvals. Give references with application. FRANK E. GOODWIN, 321 N. Harrison Ave., Kirkwood, Mo. [tf]

Free: 7 var. unused stamps to all who apply for our Net Approvals at from 1/2 to 3c each. Wonderful bargains in these books. J. C. MATTHEWS, Lynden, Wash. [tf]

40 all diff. Seebecks for 30c. 10 Foreign (mint) given free for name and address of 2 collectors. W. H. SUYDAM, Box 95, Highwood, N. J. [tf]

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125 vars. foreign postage, 10c. Premiums. KENNETH K. PALMER, La Fox, Ill.

N. P. S. OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

Thursday, July 22, 1915.

7.45 P. M.—Opening Social and Business Session in large Ball Room, Aschenbroedel Hall, 144 East 86th St. Prominent philatelists will address the Convention.

9.30 P. M.—Flash Light Picture.

Friday, July 23, 1915.

12.45 M.—Luncheon at Nassau Cafeteria, 75-77 Nassau Street followed at 1.30 P. M.—Second Business Session.

7.45 P. M.—Third Business Session at Aschenbroedel Hall, 144 East 86th Street. To be followed by Club Auction of about 100 lots of stamps donated by the members for the benefit of the recruiting work of the Society.

Saturday, July 24, 1915.

12.30 M.—Luncheon at the Nassau Cafeteria, 75-77 Nassau St. followed at 1.00 P. M.—Final Business Session.

6.00 P. M.—All aboard for Coney Island and Luna Park as guests of the New York Philatelic Exchange Society, Branch No. 3. Two special cars have been chartered and will leave Brooklyn Bridge at 6 P. M. (All meet at Police Signal Station N. Y. end of Brooklyn Bridge.) Headquarters in Luna Park, in front of the office of Luna Park.

Your chance Collectors! A good lot of diff. stamps (cat. 2c and over) Free, to Approval App. M. F. METHFESAL, Springville, N.Y.

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Wanted—Buyers for my revenues. U.S. Civil War, punched,—Spanish American War, cut or uncut, used State Revenues, Foreign Revenues, Postage, all kinds; Cheap. Call or write, PETERSEN, 115-117 Nassau St., N. Y. C. [83]

Poster Stamp Fans: Send stamp for particulars and samples of 130 different Animal Art Stamps, or 15c for Album with 10 stamps in, postage 3c extra; six sets each 20 different, 10c set. ART STAMP BUREAU, Dept. 2, N. Y. Zoological Park, N. Y. City. [83*]

Net approvals. All fine stamps. A. H. De VIEULLE, 748 Baker St., San Francisco, Cal.

Cuban stamps at wholesale. 100 mix. 1899 to 1914, 10c. Dr. Pelaez, Remedios, Cuba. *

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I give a premium with every lot of my 1/2c and 1c net apps. PHILLIPS, Lewiston, Cal.*

Free, foreign coin to stamp approval apps. BRIGHT STAMP CO., Ambrose, N. D. [84]

Allow me to show you my high grade approvals; Will pay postage both ways. H. WENDT, Manila, Iowa. [tf]

5 diff. Tunis free to new applicants for approvals. Grant L. Paul, Napanee, Ont.

Canada Ter-Cens 1/4c-7c, o. g. (56), set, .26
Hawaii, 10 var. (cat. 82), fine, .22
New Finland. Cabot 1c-5c o. g. (66), set, .26
U. S. 1908, 15, 50, \$1 (65), set, .25
U. S. P. P. Dues 1c-10c, fine, set, .19
Net Approvals—Refs. required. E. MOSELEY, Bloomfield, Mo. [tf]

Have you anything to buy, sell or exchange? This column only 20c per line.

I exchange, sell and buy fairly, basis, Scott. Unused stamped envelopes and printed postals wanted for cash or good exchange given. Who wants French oddity mentioned by Kidder July 10 in new issues? Don't all speak at once. L. A. BEEBE, A.P.S. 2272, Yonkers, N. Y. [tf]

I buy stamps. D. VAUGHN, Greenville, R.I.

Free! 1c unused U.S. P.P. Due to app. applicants. Hilliard Dusang, Kenora, Ont., Can.

Exchange; Collection of stamps cat. about \$700. Collection of fine covers and foreign revs. & small stock of stamps. I want diamond ring 1/2 karat or more. Best offer gets this. E. Geiger, 2816 Taylor St., Chicago, Ill.

Old Mexico, 100 Revenues (1876 to date, including U. S. A. for Veracruz) and 28 postage. All different and in good condition, 85c. THEOS ALLEYN, 4th Infantry, Ft. Crockett, Tex. [M*]

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20pf	5.00	3.75	"One penny" on 5pf..	.50	1.00
25pf	5.00	4.50	" Small 'y' ..	1.75	1.75
30pf	5.00	4.00	" 'TOG' error	14.75	15.00
40pf	24.50	24.50	20pf	3.00	3.00
50pf	240.00	" 'TOG' error	146.00
80pf	24.50	24.50	25pf	4.00	4.00
1 mark	121.00	98.00	30pf	4.00	4.00
2 marks	195.00	1 mark	98.00
2 marks, double overprint	Price upon application		IV. Narrow Setting of Jan. 1915.		
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"Half penny" on 3pf	17.00	5pf	17.00	17.00
" small "y"	34.00	10pf	17.00	17.00
"One penny" on 5pf	17.00	50pf	240.00
			"TOGU" variety at double normal.		

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I. October 1914.			II. Overprint in BRITISH type (Jan. 1915).		
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.10 on 5pf75	1.00	5pf	19.50	17.00
20pf	2.50	2.50	10pf	19.50	17.00
25pf	5.00	5.00	10pf inverted overprint	170.00	
30pf	3.75	3.75	20pf	48.00
40pf	24.50	24.50	25pf	146.00
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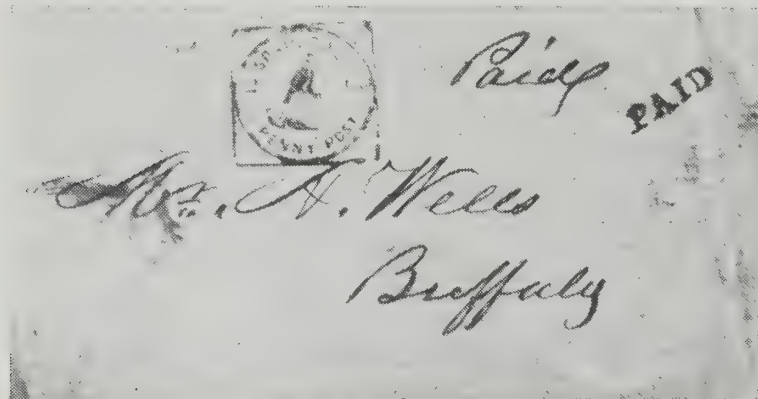
RERDALWICK

76 East Dulwich Rd.,
LONDON, S. E.,
England.

NEW BUFFALO LOCAL.

From Mr. Harry C. Flierl, of Buffalo, New York, we have received some interesting testimony on the subject of a local stamp, hitherto unnoticed in a philatelic sense, that he was so fortunate as to uncover recently. It is our opinion that Mr. Flierl has enriched the field of United States local stamps with a new variety; and he may well feel that his philatelic enterprise in rescuing the stamp from oblivion has been well rewarded both from a material and a sentimental view-point. We quote: "In looking over the papers of an old law firm in this city. I found what I have every reason to believe is an unknown Buffalo local. In an old directory of Buffalo, dated 1848-1849, I found a full page ad which I have copied and send to you, following the exact wording and paragraphing of the original ad. I found no other advertisements in subsequent issues of the directory; and in the edition of 1852, the name of Enos W. Spaulding does not appear, indicating that he had withdrawn from business or had moved. The local is not an adhesive but the design is impressed on the envelope or cover; and the word, Paid, is both written and stamped on the cover. The design is similar to that of the Gordon's City Express stamp, 1848, with the exception that 'Spaulding's Penny Post' replaces the inscription on the Gordon local."

We assume that the impression of the stamp is in black and so greatly does the design resemble that of the Gordon locals of New York City that we suspect that a Gordon local furnished the inspiration for the design of the Buffalo local, which is illustrated herewith:



"The following is the advertisement that appeared in the Buffalo directory of 1848-49 and which is nicely corroborative of the existence of the post which undoubtedly was represented by the stamped envelope described:

PENNY-POST CARD.

To the Citizens of Buffalo
The Subscriber respectfully announces that he has opened an
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and personally attends to the delivery of Mail matter from the Buffalo Post Office to persons ordering it at any place within the City Limits, immediately after the opening of each mail, between the hours of 7 o'clock A M

and 8 o'clock P. M. Persons desirous of availing themselves of the service of SPAULDING'S PENNY-POST

In the early delivery of their mail matter, will register their name at his office, and deposit a Post Office order. Letters to the "care of Spaulding's Penny-Post" from any part of the U. S. or foreign countries, will be taken from the Post Office by the Proprietor, who will pay the postage, and with the utmost despatch deliver to the persons addressed, adding 2 cents to the regular postage on delivery.

The Proprietor also attends to the delivery of City Messages, Visiting and Business Cards, Circulars, Notices, Valentines, Tickets, Bills, and Small Parcels—Matters of this nature may be left at the Principal Office, No. 4 Seneca St., or deposited in his Penny-Post Boxes at the Principal Hotels. The Boxes will be opened three times each day, viz; at 10 A. M., 2 P. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. Letters designed for the Mails, will in all cases, be placed in the Post Office in season for the Mails for which they are intended. Letters for the mails must be Penny-Post Paid, (Two Cents).

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amount of patronage equal to the utility of his exertions, and pledges himself faithfully, and promptly to serve his patrons.

ENOS W. SPAULDING,
Proprietor.

May 1, 1848.
Buffalo Penny Post Office,
No. 4 Seneca St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

This full page ad taken from the Buffalo City Directory of 1848-1849, Page 24. Published by Thomas S. Cutting. Printed by G. Reese & Co., Printers, Buffalo, N. Y., 165 Main Street.

Enos W. Spaulding boarded at Bennett's temperance house conducted by Bennett and Bailey, corner of Ellicott and Seneca Streets."

The designs depict a Red Cross nurse standing against a Red Cross background, the figure of Britannia with arms raised in supplication and a nurse kneeling at the feet, Red Cross workers attending a wounded artilleryman on the battlefield, a field ambulance, a naval Red Cross man in the field, a Red Cross nurse ministering to a wounded soldier. They all have the inscription, "British Red Cross Society, 1914."

W. DE B. WHYTE.

Digby, Nova Scotia, June 30, 1915.

10c PAN. PAC. APPEARS PERF. 10.

The Panama Pacific set is now complete in the 10 perforation, the 10c value having been issued last week. S. E. Colman who favors us with this news advises us that they are printed in the orange shade.

The RAREST WAR STAMPS are the following:

TOGO Occupation Franco-Anglaise
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THEODORE CHAMPION

PARIS

13 RUE DROUOT

FRANCE

A GRILL.

BY STEVENSON.

In a recent eastern auction sale, there was listed a 15c, 1869, with a grill described as being that of the smallest size of the 1867 issue, the catalogue 9x13. (This will sufficiently identify the item for all who are interested.)

This grill was doubtless formally passed as O. K. by the several authorities on the same, as described. It just happens that I differ with the authorities.

I have examined large numbers of the grills of that period in that family of grills. I have between 600 and 700 now on hand which were selected from the many offered me because they showed with sufficient clearness the grill, as a grill. I have re-examined these. In none of them, or in any that I have ever examined, have I found a grill like that in the auction as noted above.

In every grill rectangle of the 9x13 family of the 1867 issue, the ridges of the units run lengthways the rectangle of grill. In the auction item referred to the ridges run the other way, across the rectangle of grill. It is a physical impossibility that this item was grilled with the cylinder that produced any 9x13 rectangle I have ever seen.

Is it a genuine grill? I cannot say it is not, but there you have the facts. It is not as described, an 1867 grill, though the rectangle does measure about this size.

I have listed a Z grill, in which the ridges of the units run thus across the rectangles of grill. It is a distinct and separate grill from the six regular families of 1867 grills and I am satisfied that it is genuine. It corresponds most nearly in size to my E grill, the catalogue 11x13, though some rectangles are a bit larger, and between that family and the D grills in size.

It is barely possible that the item referred to comes from a further reduction in area of the grilling rectangles on this cylinder. I have still to see such a reduced size in all I have seen of the 1867 grills.

What is it? What is its history? Is it O. K. or can we look for more 9x13 grills, say on the 24c, 30c, and 90c, 1867, providing this item "gets by"?

Does this shed any light on the accuracy with which our authorities examine grills? Doesn't it seem to you that it would be advisable to seriously consider these characteristics of the grills known before passing as O. K. an item which is distinctly not the same, and therefore subject to question? Would you care to pay over \$200 on the say-so of an authority knowing so little of the actual grills?

I might repeat that since finding the Z grill, over two years ago, I have been constantly looking for the same characteristic units in the smaller size without finding one.—Collectors' Journal.

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*12c gray, No. 24.....	.35
12c gray, No. 24.....	.30
15c bistre, No. 25.....	.02
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25c violet, No. 27.....	.03
30c green, No. 28.....	.03
50c carmine, No. 29.....	.02

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1903, 1sh.....	.75
1903, 1 pound.....	7.00
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THE EARLY HAWAIIANS.

By JOHN N. LUFF.

"In the afternoon they came unto a land, In which it seemed always afternoon." —The Lotos Eaters.

The land of the poet's dream was not more fair than are those favored isles of the sea which we term the Hawaiian. Those jewels on the bosom of the blue Pacific were brought into being by the action of the most opposite forces in nature. Arising from the ocean amid the titanic crash and turmoil of a volcanic upheaval, they were subsequently extended by the patient, tireless, almost imperceptible upbuilding of the coral insect. The two forces are, to a certain degree, typical of the inhabitants of the islands; first, the happy, idle, passionate natives, and then the cold, calculating New England missionaries.

Originating in some drift from Polynesian sources, the natives were amiable, contented and free from care. Their manners were fascinating, even their vices were not without charm. Life in the islands was, for the most part, peaceful and easy, until the white man came, bringing with him the white man's burdens. Perhaps the natives were not very industrious, but what occasion was there for industry? The climate was kindly and nature had provided an abundance of food. What need to labor? The primal curse, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," had passed them by. No one had taught them that toil and weariness are blessings, that to be idle and contented and happy is sinful. Well, we have changed all that. We have given them civilization with its doubtful goods and its much mixed evils. In the wake of the freebooter, the trader and the evangelist have followed disease, alcohol, opium and similar accompaniments of progress and enlightenment. The milestones which mark the advance of modern civilization have been gunpowder, the bottle and the bible. What more could a child of nature ask?

The white settlers brought with them the white man's needs and some of his conveniences; among the latter were postage stamps.

Hawaii has always been a popular country with stamp collectors. It has not had over many issues, nor such as savored of being made to sell to philatelists rather than for postal needs.

Among its issues are several which are of more than ordinary interest. The stamps of the first issue rank among the great rarities. Things which are high-priced and seldom seen naturally evoke respect even if they lack the attraction of beauty. The plain-border numerals are interesting to those philatelists who enjoy plating, and other forms of collecting which require study and effort. The earliest of the engraved stamps, the 5 cents and 13 cents of the 1853 issue and the 2 cents of the 1861 issue, have received much attention from philatelic writers and those who have a fondness for stamps with a historical side. These three stamps, with their numerous printings, reprints, official imitations, etc., have been the subject of many articles in the philatelic magazines. One of the best of these articles appeared in the *Monthly Journal* for December, 1900, and January, 1901. The author—a recognized authority in matters philatelic, who chose to hide his identity under the initials H. L.—advanced the theory that certain printings of these stamps, which had long been accepted as having been prepared and issued for postal purposes, were only reprints. At that time I did not agree with this theory and, not being convinced by the article, I rushed into print and said so. In this I had the company of certain other unregenerates. For our unbelief we were promptly and thoroughly brought to book by the able editor of the *Monthly Journal*, Major Evans, and I, at least, was made to see the error of my ways. Since that time I have gathered a few bits of information which further confirm the views of Mr. H. L. regarding these stamps. I shall refer to these points when considering the stamps of those issues.

The first Hawaiian postage stamps were issued on October 1, 1851. These were the well-known "Missionary" stamps. The issue consisted of three denominations: 2 cents, for postage on newspapers; 5 cents, for postage on letters, and 13 cents, the combined rate of Hawaiian and United States postage. At that time, and for many years afterward, the Hawaiian Islands had very little commercial intercourse with any part of the world except the United

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The stamps of the first issue were type-set. Their distinguishing feature is a rectangle of fancy border type around the large numerals. There were two minor varieties of each denomination. In one variety the upright stroke of the "P" of "Postage" is directly under the first upright stroke of the "H" of "Hawaiian." In the second variety the "P" stands a trifle more to the right. The stamps were issued to the public on or about October 1, 1851. The *Polynesian* of October 4th announced them as on sale at the post-office.



In 1852 the design of the 13 cents was modified. The word "Hawaiian" was replaced by "H. I. & U. S." and the ornament between "13" and "cents" was changed. There are two varieties of this stamp, similar to those found in the stamps of the preceding issue.

October 1, 1851, 2 cents, pale blue, two varieties.

October 1, 1851, 5 cents, pale blue, two varieties.

October 1, 1851, 13 cents, pale blue, two varieties.

November (?), 1852, 13 cents, pale blue, two varieties.



The stamps of the next issue have given rise to a great deal of discussion. The Post-office Department has no records concerning the issue, but it seems to be agreed by all writers that the two

stamps which comprise it were engraved and printed in Boston. I am told by an old resident of that city that the engraver was named Dearborn and that the printer, whose name was Holland, had his establishment in School street, near Province court.

The die of the 13 cents was engraved first, and then the 5 cents was made by transferring the portrait and adding the proper inscriptions. We find evidence of this in the 5-cent stamps. The two little dots above the "FI" and "TS" in the lower label are remnants of the two vertical lines which divide that label on the 13 cents. There were several printings, which are usually assigned to the years 1853, 1855, 1861 and 1865. I am prepared to accept all but the latter date. The first printing was on thick, hard paper, almost card-board, and comprised both values. The second printing was of the 5 cents only and was on very thin, white wove paper. I have seen copies canceled at various dates from October 6, 1857, to September 3, 1861. The third printing was on thin, gray-blue paper and, like its predecessor, did not include the 13 cents. The only dated cancellation of which I have a memorandum is April 18, 1864. I have not found any evidence of a printing in 1865, but I do find much to support the claim that, about 1869, both varieties were printed in new shades on a soft, yellowish-white paper, of medium thickness and somewhat porous. The stamps of this printing were not intended for postal use, but for exchange with other governments and for sale to collectors as specimens of obsolete issues. They were, to all intents and purposes, reprints. To support this claim it will be necessary to quote at some length from various sources.

In *Filatelie Facts and Fallacies* for August, 1899, we find the following letter of Postmaster-General Alvah K. Clark, dated November 24, 1860, and addressed to Mr. John S. Marsh, Boston, Mass.:

"I am informed by Mr. H. M. Whitney that you had engraved a plate on which the 5-cent stamps now in use by the Hawaiian Government were printed (one of which I enclose). My predecessor, Mr. Joseph Jackson, ordered a quantity of these stamps struck off and sent out, but of whom no one here knows. I am unable to learn in whose possession the plate now is. As you performed the commission of having the plate engraved, I would enquire whether you would be willing to procure for me a new supply of 5-cent Hawaiian stamps, also obtain a plate of 2 and 1 cent Hawaiian stamps. If you are willing to accept the commission, please let me know at your earliest convenience at what expense you could obtain 10,000 5-cent stamps, 40,000 2-cent stamps and 5,000 1-cent stamps. The 2 and 1 cent stamps should be in sheets of twenty-five and the 5-cent stamps should be in sheets of twenty. Full information respecting the above and an early answer will much oblige."

From this letter we learn that the Hawaiian Post-office Department actually did not know the locality of some of the plates from which its stamps had been printed. We also note that they required 5-cent stamps, but evidently had no need of the 13-cent denomination. As Postmaster-General Jackson held office from July, 1856, to August, 1859, the date of the second printing of the 5-cent stamps was probably 1856 or 1857, instead of 1855. I shall revert later to the matter of the 2-cent stamps.

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portunity one thousand (1,000) sheets of 5-cent stamps. The others, viz.: 2 cent and 1 cent, I have concluded not to order at present."

In the next number of *Filatelie Facts and Fallacies* is reproduced a letter to Mons. C. N. Rondot, of Paris. This appears to have been written in the latter part of the year 1861. After speaking of the 5-cent stamp, it continues as follows: "Owing to the large number of American ships touching at these islands

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and forwarding letters, another stamp was printed at the same time embracing American postage (which was at that time 8 cents) with the Hawaiian postage, making the value of the stamp 13 cents. The American postage being subsequently raised, these stamps became of no value and have not since been used."

Changes in the rates of postage in the United States were made, by act of Congress, in 1851, 1855, 1861 and 1863, and some of these changes may have affected the usefulness of the Hawaiian 13-cent stamp. At the same time, I do not find any record of an 8-cent rate for domestic postage in the United States and, therefore, conclude that that rate must have been established by postal convention with Hawaii. If that were the case, the rate may have been modified by a similar convention.

(To be continued.)

HARRY WESLEY LEGG.

Died July 21, 1915. Age 32.

A Tribute From His Closest Friend.

No doubt many readers of the WEEKLY have had business dealings with my late friend. A few number of collectors and dealers had the privilege of his acquaintance. Still fewer knew him well because his nature was one of retirement and his home in the country his happiest habitat. But to me, as I knew him, he was one of God's noblemen. Generous to a fault, he loved to make his friends happy and his stamps were his delight and his solace. Few men were better read than Harry Legg—he mastered the most difficult subjects with ease and his knowledge of stamps was second to none in this country. His approval selections were masterpieces of knowledge—his dealings always generous to a fault—as an evidence of this I might mention that I found but few unpaid accounts due to him and few unsettled selections of his out on approval. The stock of stamps that Harry Legg left at his death was a considerable one and in view of the fact that my firm never holds auctions his widow, upon my advice, has decided to turn the entire holdings over to one of Harry's best friends, P. M. Wolsieffer of Philadelphia, who will take upon his shoulders the task of marketing them. Thus passes from our little world one of the well known citizens of it. The remains were buried in Arlington Cemetery on Saturday, July 24th. Mr. Legg is survived by a young widow to whom I am sure we all extend our deepest sympathy in her hour of sorrow. For myself there is a void that can never be filled, and the only consolation is that he died beloved by all who knew him and without any physical pain and suffering when the end came.

EUSTACE B. POWER.

A WAR BOOM WITHOUT WAR ORDERS.

(A correspondent who withholds his name submits the accompanying article which appeared in the "Wall Street Journal," N. Y. City; "News Bureau," Boston, and "News Bureau," Philadelphia. He suggests that articles such as this would help greatly in creating an interest in our national hobby and advises all collectors who are situated where they can supply matter to the press not to lose the opportunity. No doubt many of our readers are able to do missionary work of this kind.—Ed.)

One industry, if it may be called an industry, has received an impetus from the war without a single war order. That is the business of supplying the demands of those persons who have never been able successfully to withstand the fascination of collecting postage stamps. It's a bug which has probably attracted the attention of a greater proportion of the human race, since stamps have been, than any other hobby known to man. If sizes of the respective articles be compared, it may not be extravagant to say that there are few works of the great artists commanding greater price per square inch than do several varieties of the engraver's art as illustrated in postage stamp.

The war has given a new interest to the collector. Not only have many countries issued special stamps for home use but there is the surcharging of their own stamps for use in territory of the enemy occupied. Thus Germans are chagrined to see their Samoan Island stamps superseded by those of New Zealand with the word Samoa printed over them. And the invasion of Belgium by the Kaiser's forces will go down into history as long as the world lasts through the legend which will accompany the German stamps surcharged for use in Belgian territory.

The story will be told, too, in the new issue of the Belgian postal department which, alas, King Albert's government is unable to make use of until the postal service is resumed in Belgium. It is the same all through the fighting zone, Russian stamps for use in Austria, Austrian stamps for use in Russia, German stamps for use in Poland, French stamps for use in Alsace-Lorraine, Serbian stamps in Austria and British and French stamps for use in Turkey and the vanquished colonies of the German Empire.

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This envelope was used to carry mail from the St. Clair Scale, Pa., office of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway to the office in Philadelphia of The Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. You will note the first named company is a railway company and is separate and distinct from the latter concern, which is engaged in the mining and sale of anthracite. For years these two companies were so closely associated that they were practically considered as one and in the ordinary course of business with its mines in the coal region, the Coal & Iron used the mail service of the railway company for the transportation of its correspondence instead of the United States mail.

However, the time came when it was decided by the Supreme Court at Washington that these corporations were separate and distinct corporations. Following this decision it was ruled that the Coal & Iron Company had no right to the free use of the Railway Company's service for the transmission of mail, as it thereby evaded the payment of postage. The inconvenience of sending the Coal & Iron Company mail by the regular U. S. postal service, led to an arrangement whereby the Post Office Department issued an order permitting the Coal & Iron Company to make use of the railway company's mail service if all mail was forwarded under the regular Government stamped envelopes, with the understanding that the Coal & Iron Company employees must cancel all such stamped envelopes with the company's name, name of place whence it originated, together with the date.

This is by no means something new, but has been in effect probably for the past seven or eight years, or maybe more, for my memory does not serve me well on this point. I have been in constant contact with this arrangement, so much so that the idea that it might be of interest to other philatelic folk, did not appeal to me until just now.

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A new English advertiser is introduced to our readers this week:—J. E. Lea of Manchester. His offer of the St. Vincent will start something surely.

This has been the greatest July that the WEEKLY has ever known and the reason for it can be found in our substantial subscription list, which carries upon it the very flower of American collecting interest.

A great private collection of California State Revenues is offered this week. It is probably the most superb collection of these stamps ever put together. The owner does not reveal his name but interested parties will do well to address the WEEKLY.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL

Still in Business—In answer to several questions on the subject, we say that there is no interruption in the mail service between Germany and the United States. "Mails from the United States can be delivered to any point in Germany; likewise letters for the United States may be mailed at any place in Germany." Official confirmation of this statement may be had from the postal authorities. Naturally, some delay may result because of the conditions that exist at present. The interchange of money-orders between Germany and the United States has not been suspended and the convention between the two countries is still in force.

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Standards—We look with approbation on the effort of our contemporary, the

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Comprising Twentieth Century stamps to date, complete up to and including £1, in all varieties of paper, watermark and perforation and many rare errors, including singles and blocks of four. Some countries have been carried out to great completeness and include XIX Century stamps. Worthy of special mention are Straits Settlements with all the \$25, Dominican Republic, Papua, Russia, Sudan and Crete.

This collection was formed with great care by a fastidious collector who has for many years been ranked a "condition crank." Each and every stamp is quoted net at reasonable prices, offering an opportunity to collectors to obtain many stamps at investment figures that are now difficult to obtain.

The collection will be shown in San Francisco during the Convention by appointment. I will also make stop-overs in cities en route if requests reach me in time to make arrangements.

EUGENE KLEIN, 142 South 15th Street, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Stamp Trade, to codify rules that may be accepted as standard in the conduct of the business of stamp auctions. As pointed out, it is highly important for both the auctioneer and his patrons to abide by fundamental rules from which there can be no appeal; and we trust that our contemporary will succeed in having adopted universally, regulations that are binding on both parties to an auction sale transaction. However, there is a phase of the auction business that cannot be covered by any verbal description, no matter how precise; and it is one that is growing to have a sinister effect on the auction trade. Even now, we believe, that what would be the normal increase in the volume of patronage of stamp auction sales is curtailed by the question that is looming up more and more unmistakably. We mean the condition question as it applies to the consideration of centering of the stamps offered. Individual opinion honestly may vary in regard to off centering, in degree, and its penalizing effects; and for that reason all these variations of minds must give way to an established rule. Further, the written regulation will not do; and it must be pictured. A series of standard cuts should be a part of each auction catalogue, showing the perfectly centered stamp with margin equal on all four sides down to the badly off center copy. The intermediate stages of condition would be "fine," "good," and "fair," making five cuts to illustrate the range of condition from poor to perfection in centering. The application of the scale is evident and for instance, a specimen not quite reaching the state of perfection would fall into the next lowest division. Stereotypes of the accepted scale would cost almost nothing. Let the American Philatelic Society take up the question at the convention and appoint the inevitable committee which could thresh out the case. In the meantime, we suppose that the auctioneer could adopt any standard that he might work out. We hope to submit a tentative set of cuts ourselves so soon as our artist grasps our idea.

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Aye, Sir—What is your idea of the place of philatelic torment? One of our readers says that his pet notion of it is to watch a fellow collector who dabs at his immaculate duplicates with dampened fore-finger in order to remove the stamps from their slits in the stock-books, ignoring the tongs that you extend so feverishly; and inwardly cursing yourself that your mistaken sense of delicacy will not allow you to ask that your pestiferous comrade forbear, in pity's name.

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It May Be So—It is sometimes remarked that it seems impossible nowadays to duplicate the "red" color of the ink that one sometimes sees used for the cancellations and postmarks on the stamps of the first few issues of the United States. It is probable that the color is not seen much latterly because there is no crying need for color of just its characteristic shade but our observing reader, Mr. Justin H. Forrest, Chicago, makes the point that the red ink of that by-gone day was made from powdered sumac leaves infused according to a recipe that was valued by our forefathers. Like many a custom of over a half-century ago making one's own red ink is now obsolete.

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Taking A Chance—We notice that an advertiser from London in offering the Gold Coast, provisionally surcharged Togo for the Anglo-French occupation says: "Above quotations for Sportsmen only. Others must wait and see." This

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Yes And No—A subscriber says: "I have recently received several covers from Salem holding precanceled 'Salem, Mass.', current 4's, 5's, 10's and 15's that evidently have been precanceled with the hand stamp in the sheet. Would these specimens come under the precanceled line logically." A consideration of the collectibility of the hand-stamped precanceled stamp would not exalt the more or less humble hand-stamped interloper to a place in the sun with the matured brother, impressive with his letter-press marking, if tradition is respected and strict accountability is demanded. The inception of the hand-stamped precanceled stamp was in the order of the department granting permission to postmasters to precancel stamps during the rush of the holiday season. However, we shall be pleased to listen to the voice of authority on the subject of the relative merits of the hand-stamped variety. We know that there are not a few collectors to whom precanceled stamps are a fount of deepest inspiration; and we hope to give ear to one who has drunk deeply of the Pierian spring.

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Slip A Cog—A reader has addressed a few observations to us on the subject of stamp advertising in the course of which he makes a contention that should be given publicity in the interests of both advertiser and reader of the stamp paper. He refers to the tendency of advertisers in listing single stamps under the more popular collecting countries, at least, to dispense with any description of denomination, color, etc., and merely give the catalogue number. Our correspondent intimates that while he is a collector of United States stamps of some standing, he is not adept in catalogue numbers; and for that reason he is disinclined to send for the advertised stamps that he believes he wants but in view of lack of confirmation he is not certain that he does. We agree with him that a catalogue is not always at one's beck and call and without dwelling exhaustively on the subject, we think that it is fair to say that description only by the catalogue number loses sales for the advertiser who habitually uses the method. Competition in the stamp business as in all other recognized lines of commercial endeavor is so keen that no dealer can afford to shade the effectiveness of his advertising in any way.

DEATH OF H. WESLEY LEGG.

Notwithstanding the fact that it has been generally known that Mr. Legg has been during the past months unable to attend to business, the news of his death will come as a severe shock to his numerous friends and acquaintances. Mr. Legg died Wednesday, July 21, at his home in Pepperell, Mass. For years he has been actively engaged in the stamp trade and had developed a good business. He was a member of the A. P. S., B. P. S. and other philatelic societies. A man of genial personality, he will be greatly missed, and the sympathy of the entire fraternity will go to Mrs. Legg in her bereavement.

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I am of the firm opinion that I have run across at least nine of the "hardest to get" stamps. My endless and tireless search of over two years for these stamps, I think, proves it. Time and again I have sent a "want list" containing these stamps to all the leading dealers in this country and England only to receive a letter back saying "nothing doing."

After having tried all the dealers the thought struck me that perhaps some small dealer or individual collector might have them so I placed an ad in the Adlet Column of your paper, issue of May 29th but to date I have not received one reply. I do not blame your paper for this condition, however, as it only goes to show the apparent scarcity of these stamps.

The stamps in question are as follows:

Year.	No.	Country.	Value & Colour.	Cat.
1883,	*16,	Bangkok,	2c rose,	.50
1892,	* 8,	Col. Rep.(Cauca),	5c carm.	
			(greenish),	.15
1904,	*23,	"(Cundinamarca)	1c orange,	.05
1901,	* 1,	"(Magdalena),	5c white,	.75
1877,	98,	Griqualand,	1p rose,	.10
1900,	*37,	Bussahir,	3a red,	.06
1895-67,	4,	Jammu & Kashmir,	3r dull blue,	5.00
1898,	*40,	Maderia,	25r yell.gr.,	.12
1899,	1,	Marianna Isls.(Sp.),	2c dk.bl.gr.,	
			Not cat.	

It can readily be seen that with exceptions of the stamps of Jammu and Kashmir and the one from the Spanish Marianna Isls., these stamps catalogue at practically nothing.

There can be some excuse for the lack of the stamps in question from

Griqualand and Jammu and Kashmir as these were issued in 1877 and 1866-67 respectively, but what about the rest, none earlier than 1883 and from this year to as late as 1904.

What is the status of the Spanish Marianna Isls., stamps issued as recently as 1899 but no catalogue value given? I would be pleased to hear from other readers who have had any experience with these stamps.

NEW ZEALAND KING GEORGE STAMPS.

In a letter written April 21 by a well-known New Zealand philatelist, that gentleman said that the delay in the issue of the new stamps was because the colors selected were not considered rich or deep enough, and others had to be provided. Our correspondent said he anticipated then that the new issue would be out inside of a month. In a letter written on 6th May he wrote:—"I daresay the stamps will be out before long," but in a letter just to hand, dated 28th May, from a correspondent in New Zealand, who is also well known in philatelic circles, that gentleman writes:—"No signs at all of the new stamps, and I think it will be a long while yet before they appear."

We did expect that the stamps would be issued on the King's Birthday (3rd instant), but they were evidently not ready for that event. We still think that it would have been much better for everybody if the various denominations had been issued when they were ready, and we commend this opinion to the consideration of stamp issuers generally.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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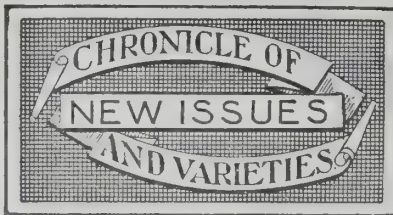
Charles S. Hibbard of Utica, N. Y., advises us of the death of Egbert Bagg of that city, and sends us a lengthy clipping from a local paper giving the story of his career. He was an ardent stamp collector and for years has been a subscriber to the WEEKLY. Besides his interest in stamps he was interested in floriculture and arboriculture. He made a special study of bird life and was familiar with most of the bright pages in the big book of Nature.

CANAL ZONE PERFORATED "P".

There recently appeared an item of news in the *London Daily Telegraph* stating that "four stamps of the Panama Republic series issued just prior to the recent pictorial set have been converted into stamps for official use in the Zone. They have been overprinted 'Canal Zone' as usual, and, in addition, are perforated with a large capital 'P'."

We communicated with John K. Baxter, Director of Posts for the Canal Zone, and we quote from his communication in relation to the same:—

"The stamps referred to are used on official foreign mail dispatched by the various departments of the Panama Canal to foreign countries. These stamps are issued on requisition to mailing clerks and are perforated simply to prevent their use on private mail. The ordinary domestic mail of the Panama Canal is forwarded in penalty envelopes similar to those used by government offices in the United States.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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UNITED STATES.—In No. 1184, we noted the Canadian 2c stamp as having been found with fine lines running across the face, indicating a scratched plate. William F. Works has now shown us specimens of the United States 2c carmine of 1890 with similar fine lines. These lines vary somewhat in position but are all near the tops of the figures of value.

D. D. Berolzheimer reports the 2c envelope, Die E, size 5 on white, Knife 87, with the new 1915 watermark.

Raymond Freshwater has shown us a vertical pair of the current 3c stamps, one of which has a large colorless spot on the lower part of the oval line surrounding the portrait, and opposite the Adam's apple.

CANADA.—Happenings of interest to post card collectors appear to be taking place in the Dominion. We have noted already the issue of the 2c post card to cover the war tax. We have also noted that there were two varieties of the figure "2." From information sent us by George Pack and Mrs. E. W. Oughtred we gather that not only were the figures different, but that the whole stamp was re-engraved. In reality, there were two entirely distinct cards, that intended for the use of the public being much better printed, as well as having the bi-lingual note—"The space below is reserved for address only," repeated in French. The other card, intended for advertising purposes, and taking the place of the 1c carmine and buff, has the stamp poorly engraved, with striking differences in the King's face, whiskers, ear and eyes, in the "Two cents" as well as the figures, and the crowns in the upper corners. This card has a space 36x81 mm. set off by a red rule in the lower right corner for the address but without the bi-lingual inscription. These cards are used freely by express and railroad companies to notify consignees of the receipt of freight and express parcels.

Mrs. Oughtred has also shown us the 2c war tax stamp, new design, perforated 10 vertically.

HUNGARY.—*Scott's Circular* notes the issue of the 6f and 12f postage due stamps in the old colors, but on paper watermarked multiple Crosses.

INDIA.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* fills up a gap in Indian Philately by giving a complete list of the totals of British Indian Edwardian Stamps, overprinted "C. E. F.":

1/4 anna	60,480
1/2 anna	179,040
1 anna*	669,360
2 annas	20,160
2 1/2 annas	12,480
3 annas	16,320
4 annas	17,280
8 annas	15,840
12 annas	15,600
1 rupee	5,568

*This total includes both types with inscription reading "India Postage" and "Postage and Revenue."

Mysore.—The *Philatelic Journal of India* notes the following war stamps issued in India, the only ones thus far reported, except the "I. E. F." of the Indian Government.

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PAPUA.—The *Daily Express* states:—"Papua specialists in particular, and collectors of modern British Colonial stamps in general, will learn with interest that the present single coloured 1d and 2d stamps of this territory, typographed at Melbourne, have been printed on paper intended for the Georgian stamps of the Australian Commonwealth, watermarked with a single line Tudor Crown in place of the South Australian type previously employed. It seems probable that this is merely a temporary expedient, and that the varieties with this type of watermark may be restricted to the two denominations named."

SALVADOR.—*Scott's Circular* notes that the 1c, 2c and 3c of 1906, type A65, have been reprinted. These have the overprinted anchor and shield. The official stamps of the same date and values have also been reprinted. The shades of the reprints differ considerably from those of the originals, the paper is thinner, the gum whiter and the perforation gauges 12 instead of 11 1/2.

of the fund named. They are large stamps, measuring 5 1/2 x 3 1/4 inches, and show a portrait of the Maharajah in a circle in the centre, with the name of the state above, in English, and below, in Canarese. On either side there are the Arms of Mysore on an engine-turned background, while the whole is enclosed in a frame consisting of the arms of the state and conventional designs frequently repeated, the lower part of the frame containing the values in Canarese, English and Urdu. The values thus surcharged are:—

2 annas, dull green.
4 annas, purple.
1 rupee, scarlet.

We are not informed that these are for postal use, so presume they have only a passing philatelic interest.

JAPAN.—*Scott's Circular* says that the 5y and 10y stamps have been seen on granite paper, like the rest of the postage set.

MEXICO.—*Oaxaca.*—A. C. Roessler has shown us a stamp, one of a series issued by the "Estado Libre y Soberano de Oaxaca" according to the legend, which surrounds the arms of Mexico. "Correos—Transitorio" is printed at the top, "Centavo" at the bottom, and the figures of value in the four corners formed by the Circular inscription around the arms. In the specimen examined the "1" in the upper right corner is missing. These stamps were issued June 5, and were printed in two operations, a faint background underlying the main printing in a shade of the same color. They were printed in sheets of 21 stamps, 3x7, the shades varying on almost every sheet. In printing the 5c the second printing was inverted so that the third and fourth rows are tête-beche. The paper is heavy wove, and perforations measure 12. Some kind of printed blank forms were used for the stamps so that the reverse has printing, part of which reads "Former 637—1911—V—la—500,000." The stamp submitted for ex-

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Edw. Sauer of Richmond, Ind., was a visitor at the WEEKLY office the past week. Mr. Sauer is an oldtime subscriber to the WEEKLY.

—J. H. Jost advises us that our list of stamps on sale at the St. Johns, Newfoundland, Postoffice is in one respect in error. The 5c stamp now on sale there is not the Guy issue but the Coronation. Intending purchasers will please note.

—March 22, Albert C. Puppe, Rock Hall, Md., applied to the Sawyer Stamp Co. for an approval selection, giving as reference, Frank A. Greenhawk, of the same town. The reference replied satisfactorily and stamps were sent. Since then no reply has been received to three letters mailed, though the return receipt of one of these sent registered came to hand. Interested parties will please communicate with the Sawyer Co.

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—The U. S. R. S. convention will be held at the Board of Trade rooms, Springfield, August 4 at 10.30 A. M. Members who expect to attend are asked to send their names to W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.

—The Robinson Stamp Co. of Chicago has placed before us good documentary evidence that Walter B. Van, Gas City, Ind., and Clarence L. Gleason, Fort Thomas, Ky., have formed a partnership for the securing of approval selections from unsuspecting dealers. Communications signed by these two individuals are very much alike. Gleason gave the Leach Chemical Co. of Fort Thomas as a reference and a letter to this firm is returned marked "Unknown." Dealers will do well to make a note of these two names.

—"Referring to news item in current issue regarding auto accident at Dayton, Ohio—if dealers who have been victimized by parties giving their address as care International Hosiery Co. will place their claims before Wm. L. Moore, Inspector-in-Charge, Cincinnati, Ohio, or with the Chief Inspector's Office, Washington, D. C., they will doubtless get some action."—BURT McCANN.

—"A Brooklyn postal clerk informs the public that the way to lick a stamp is to do it with the inside of the lower lip, instead of the tongue. But in this way one would lose much of the fine flavor, and besides, what will a lower lip look like after it has been used several months for licking stamps?"—Press Clip.

—The Kansas City Philatelic Society invites all members of the A. P. S. to stop in K. C. on their way to or from the coast. Let the Pres., H. F. Kohr, 841 E. 41st, or the Sec., L. H. Barnes, 402 New England Bldg., know and they will arrange to meet you.

—Maurice Bedard, Montreal, Que., Can., can get no reply to letters sent the Sloan Stamp Co., Tacoma, Wash. Others similarly situated should write Mr. Bedard.

—"In moving a lot of old magazines found the following vols. of the old *American Journal of Philately*; Vols. 9, 12, 13, & 14 complete with index and title pages; Vol. 10 mostly complete, index and title page, and 1 or 2 odd numbers of Vol. 15, all in perfect condition.

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from D. D. Berolzheimer, E. W. Steele and John A. Solomon.

—See page 9 in *The Ladies' World* for August, '15, just out, whereon at least 50 U. S. postage stamps, adhesives and envelopes are illustrated. They include regular values, special delivery, Panama-Pacifics, etc.—L. G. Barrett.

—Dr. W. E. J. Kirk, President, Nutmeg Stamp Co., Station B, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes for foreign exchange, giving A. P. S. and S. P. A. membership numbers. The A. P. S. number is that of a Cleveland member, and no one answering to the name of "Dr. W. E. J. Kirk" is an A. P. S. member. A registered letter to Kirk at above address elicited a registry return receipt card, but no reply.—A. W. DUNNING.

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PACIFIC WAR STAMPS.

As intimated last month current Australian stamps overprinted "N.W. Pacific Islands" from the 1s denomination downwards have been put on sale at Rabaul, and we have received a small lot of the following denominations:—

1/2d King George. 4d King George.
1d " 5d "
2d kangaroo. 6d kangaroo.
2 1/2d " 9d "
3d " 1s "

We are somewhat in a quandary. These stamps have been issued at Rabaul, which is the capital of New Britain. The stamps are only available for use in the islands recently occupied by the Australian troops and for no others. They have really no claim to the designation "North-West Pacific Islands," seeing that they do not include any of the islands above the equator.

Further, we are in a difficulty as to the name of the country under which the overprinted German New Guinea and Marshall Islands stamps should be listed. Some of our contemporaries abroad refer to the stamps of "German New Guinea," and "Marshall Islands," whereas both kinds were overprinted for use only in the districts above referred to under Australian control, and now we have the N.W. Pacific Islands stamps to complicate matters. According to our ideas, these stamps should be classed under the heading, "New Britain," but it will no doubt be difficult to persuade some collectors that this is correct, seeing that the stamps themselves bear the overprint "N.W. Pacific Islands."

Although we understand that a very large supply of the latter has been printed, still we should not be surprised to learn that the designation on the stamps was altered any day. Possibly there will be no alteration at all until after the war is over and the peace terms have been settled. It may be that, as prognosticated in this journal some months ago, there will be a Federation of the Western Pacific (like the Federated Malay States), and that one design of stamps will be issued for the entire group.—*Aust. Stamp Journal*.

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oChili 1904, 1, 2, 3 on 1, 5, 10, 12 on 5. .20
oJapan 1913, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 1y .25
*Liberia, Scott's 58, 102, 103, 112, all o. g. .17
o Reg 1903, complete set45
oLuxemburg 1882, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c, 1fr .25
o 1892-3, 10, 12, 20, 25, 30, 37, 50c, 1fr .25
*Montenegro 1896, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, all o. g. .15
*Nyassa 1901, complete o. g. set35
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EGYPT—A HISTORY OF ITS STAMPS.

(Continued.)

By R. E. R. DALWICK.

In the middle of July, 1867, the supply of 1 piastre adhesives ran short in Alexandria, so the demand was allayed by cutting the 2 piastre value in half—each half representing 1 piastre.

The bisection of stamps was contrary to the official decree (Art. 52, "The franking of correspondence by means of stamps cut in two is inadmissible—"). To counteract this clause the following was issued by Muzzi Bey:

"By reason of the insufficient supply of stamps of the value of 1 piastre, which are in circulation, permission has been given at the office at Alexandria to bisect stamps of the value of 2 piastre in equal parts for the prepayment of letters, the two halves corresponding respectively to the value of 1 piastre, to be used from the 16th to 31st July. The stamps should be bisected from the upper left hand corner to the lower right hand corner, as in the illustration given in the margin.

The Director General
"MUZZI BEY."

"ALEXANDRIA, 13th July, 1867.



The above half stamp was an official issue, but the same cannot be said of the halves of 10 paras and 5 piastre stamps which are known postally used: having done postal duty for half their original values through official laxity.

There are few distinct shades to be found among these stamps, although there are more less marked variations of the 5 paras (shades of grey), 20 paras (shades of blue), 2 piastres (pale yellow to orange yellow), and 10 piastres (shades of dull slate blue).

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The Turkish overprint is in five parts. The central character signifies MASR (Egypt), whilst the right, top and left inscriptions read: MASRIE POSTA TAMGHAI (Egyptian postage stamp); on the bottom the value is expressed. The values are represented by:

besch para= 5 paras
on " 10 "
jighirmi " 20 "
bir grouch=1 piastre
iki " 2 "
besch " 5 "
on " 10 "

II. Second Issue (Aug. 1, 1867).

A new issue of postage stamps was announced in July, 1867, by the proclamation reproduced below:

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"During the same month the present stamps, as well as the new ones, can be used indifferently for the franking of letters, patterns and printed matter. On September 1st next the present stamps cease to frank correspondence, but can be exchanged for new ones. Letters, etc., franked with them will be considered as not franked.

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Dahomey.....	.06	St. Pierre.....	.06
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The design of this issue is decidedly pleasing with its representations of the Sphinx, the Pyramid, Cleopatra's Needle, and Pompey's Column.



F. Hoff, of Hirschberg, Silesia, was responsible for the drawing of the design. From the clearness of certain proofs there is no doubt that the original dies for all values were of metal, and the printing stones were produced by transfer or other method of reproduction.

The matrix die consisted of stamps (in a block of four), each of the four being separately engraved by Hoff.

The blocks of four were then reproduced on to a lithographic stone and printed by M. V. Penasson at Alexandria under the supervision of the Government. It was said that after the printing was completed the stones were sent to the headquarters of the postal service at Cairo.

As was the case with the first Issue, the stone was composed of 200 impressions, made up by fifty transfers of the original block of four. The printed sheets (20x10) were printed without visible marginal inscription, but the margins contained a watermarked inscription (in Italian), the letters measuring about 6 mm. in height: "AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLE V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE" and value "PIASTRE EGIZIANE 1," etc.

The watermark consists of a crescent and a five-rayed star relief impressed into the paper at the back of the stamp. The paper used was of medium to medium-thick white wove, and the gum which was at first white, became brownish upon the later printings.

The numbers of the four types as here given (I, II, III, and IV) are in their correct order according to Hoff's engraved block of four (2x2).

5 Paras, orange-yellow.

TYPE I.—Pompey's Pillar is too much to the left in its rectangle. The thin end of the Arabic character in the left of top label cuts through the line below it. The three dots at the end of the Arabic inscription in top label are almost all level.

TYPE II.—The second A of PARA in top left hand corner is very narrow. The left of the Sphinx's head practically touches the left side of the pyramid. Of the three dots, the first is the lowest.

TYPE III.—The A's of PARA are fairly normal. The 5 in lower left hand corner is leaning to the left. The apex of the pyramid almost touches the inner circle of the oval. Of the three dots the centre one is the highest.

TYPE IV.—The second A of PARA in top right hand corner is thin. Both the 5's in the lower corners are further from the base line than in other types. Of the three dots in the upper label, the first is the highest.

10 Paras, dull lilac.

TYPE I.—The apex of the pyramid touches the inner oval and the head of

the Sphinx touches the pyramid at the left. The three dots are of uniform size, but the first is the highest.

TYPE II.—The first A of PARA in upper left corner is thin; the second A in upper right corner is wide. The 0 of 10 in lower left hand corner is very defective. The first of the three dots (Arabic inscription in the top label to the right) is larger than the other two.

TYPE III.—There is a line across the right hand side of the head of the Sphinx which in this type resembles a cut. The central dot is slightly higher than the other two.

TYPE IV.—The second A of PARA, top right hand corner, is very thin. Pompey's Pillar is much thicker than in the other types. Of the three dots, the third is the lowest.

20 Paras, green.

TYPE I.—The shaft of Pompey's Pillar is not well centred as regards its base—it leans to the left. The left outline of the pyramid reaches the ground—in other types it touches the oval. The first Arabic sign (a dot) in the bottom label touches the upper line.

TYPE II.—The 2 of 20 in each bottom corner is thin and leans to the left. In the word PARA, top right hand corner, the P has a space between it and ARA. The three dots over the last character in the bottom label are further from the end of the character than in other types.

TYPE III.—The second A of PARA, top left hand corner, leans over to the right. The first A of PARA, top right hand corner, has a white speck above it.

TYPE IV.—There is a small white dot before the 2 of 20 in the bottom right hand corner. The R of PARA, top left hand corner, is defective. The head of the Sphinx touches the pyramid on the left.

1 Piastre, red.

TYPE I.—The second character in the lower label (a perpendicular line) is further away from the first character than in any other type. The middle dot of the three is the lowest.

TYPE II.—Pompey's Pillar is badly centred, being very much to the right. Cleopatra's Needle is too wide at its base. The first of the three dots is the highest.

TYPE III.—The pyramid touches the inner oval on the right. The dot above the "C" character touches it. The first of the three dots is the highest.

TYPE IV.—Cleopatra's Needle is not well centred, being too much to the left. The three dots at the end of the top label are equidistant and in a straight line.

2 Piastres, blue.

TYPE I.—The apex of the pyramid touches the inner oval. The right hand base line of the pyramid touches the inner oval. The three dots in the upper label are not in a straight line. The first is the highest.

TYPE II.—There is a white spot after the central stroke of E in top right hand corner. The top of Cleopatra's Needle touches the line under E. The letter P, right left hand corner, is somewhat to the right in the label. The three dots at end of top label are in a straight line.

TYPE III.—The Sphinx touches the pyramid on the left. The base of the pyramid on the left is some distance from the oval. The top inscription on Cleopatra's Needle is a solid line of colour extending right across. Dots as in TYPE II.

TYPE IV.—The "G" figure in bottom label is very open at the top. The apex of the pyramid is further from the oval at the top than in other types.

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5 Piastres, brown.

TYPE I.—The point of the pyramid touches the last line of the background and the line of shading over the left eye of the Sphinx is long and horizontal. The first of the three dots is the highest, the third is the lowest.

TYPE II.—The shading on the forehead of the Sphinx, over the left eye, slopes downward from left to right. The third of the three dots is the highest.

TYPE III.—There is a clear line of shading between the apex of the pyramid and the outline of the oval above. The three dots in upper label are on the same level.

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The descriptions of the four types given should prove sufficiently clear to allot any specimen to its proper place. Any block of four of this issue will show the four types.

All stamps of this series are perforated 15 x 12½, the work of two single line machines.

Many perforation varieties are to be found such as imperforate, rouletted, partly perforated, etc. Rouletted and partly rouletted specimens of the 1 piastre are unofficial but nevertheless uncommonly rare. Of the imperforate varieties the 1 piastre is more often seen than any other.

In July, 1869, a new printing of the 10 and 20 paras denominations came to hand—the 10 paras in bright mauve, and the 20 paras in yellow-green. If the two printings be compared it will be seen that the new shades almost amount to new colours. In addition the 1869 prints are exceptionally clear in detail and the Arabic inscriptions have a far more fragile appearance.

Once again Art. 52 of the Decree of 1865 was ignored, for no less than three values are known cut in half and used for half their original values. The practice of bisecting was never used to any extent, and when resorted to it was pure "necessity."

Not infrequently one sees the 20 paras printed on both sides—or even with two or three part impressions on one side! The 1 piastre is known in the same state. Both these freaks are simply "printers waste."

In strips or blocks of any size all values of this issue are hard to find. A block of four is cheap in all cases at the catalogue price of four single specimens. Larger blocks are extremely difficult to buy at any figure.

Several minor varieties may be found of these stamps, some of which appear to be constant. A variety of the 5 paras contains a round solid (yellow) dot in the background shading to the left of the Sphinx's head. This dot has been noted by several specialists and constitutes a definite variety. This same value is known with a curious chain-like device in colour right across the stamp. The 1 piastre is known with an extra character (in the form of a dot) in the inscription in bottom label, whilst another variety has an extra character between the long curly sign and the "G" character.

The upper Arabic inscription in the design reads: "Tamghai Posta Masrie," and in the bottom rectangular label is "Tamanon" and the values—"hams" (5), "ashra" (10), "ashrin" (20), "ghersh wachet" (1 piastre), "ghersheen" (2), "hamsat" (10).

Quite apart from the distinct tints of the two printings of the 10 and 20 paras there are a nice range of shades, many of them deserving of catalogue recognition. The 10 paras (1867), 1 and 2 piastres all exist in a multitude of shades, some of which are by no means common.

A very curious official obliteration is to be met with upon the stamps of this issue. It is a solid circle with Arabic (?) characters cut out. Another interesting cancellation is that used after the withdrawal of the Suez Canal Company's stamps.

The postmark—a circle in blue—bears the inscription "CANAL DE SUEZ—CHANTIER VI" and date. A second obliteration, this time in black bears the legend "KIL. 83" (Kilometre) in place of "Chantier VI."

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THE STUDY OF FISCAL STAMPS.

By CHARLES S. THOMPSON.

Revenues, or more properly, fiscal stamps, are the stamps used to denote the payment of certain taxes or imposts, either direct or indirect. Fiscals are used to cover a wide range of money-raising methods, the most usual one being the tax on certain documents, such as receipts, bills of exchange, agreements, and other legal papers, but in other instances, familiar to all American collectors, they are used to indicate payment of tax on medicines, playing cards, perfumes, chewing-gum, and other necessary or unnecessary articles.

In many foreign countries, where taxes of all kinds are paid, or the payment indicated, by means of stamps, fiscals are in vogue to show that taxes have been paid for the privilege of burial; for the right of translation of a publication; for the issuance of civil marriage licenses; for stumping on wood cut in state forests; for inspection by officials of weights and measures, gas meters, and electric lights; for court fees and judicial payments of all kinds; for peddling; for customs duties; in short, for every purpose in which the resourceful political economist sees a source of revenue. No article, action, or trade is too trivial or insignificant to bear its share of the burden of government upkeep somewhere in the world. Egypt has issued a whole series of stamps for the payment of salt taxes: Cuba has put an impost on soda water, whether in bottles, siphons, or other container: Mexico taxes the production of precious metals: Persia exacts contributions from common carriers, whether camels or steamships.

The one fact that stands out before all others is that fiscals are issued because they are necessary. There is, and can be, no hint of the speculative about them, and for this reason, if for no other, they deserve vastly more attention from collectors than they have received. Many countries which have the habit of issuing an elaborate series of postage stamps have been content to worry along with a very small family of fiscals. Liberia is an excellent example of this: postage, 250 or more; fiscal, exactly eleven. Panama, as an independent republic, has found it necessary to issue but three fiscals.

But it must not be thought that the foregoing examples are typical of all countries. The contrary is often the case; for example, the Argentine Republic and its constituent states have brought forth nearly twelve thousand varieties of fiscal stamps to date. This is explained on the grounds that practically all taxes are paid by means of stamps. Every municipality collects its income in this way: every state raises funds by means of stamps: the nation receives its contributions in the same manner. Every year sees a new issue, the same design being used for long periods, date only differing.

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EDITORIAL.

To The Conventions—Our managing editor, Mr. Wylie, is in San Francisco, attending the convention of our first national society, the American Philatelic Society, and Mr. Severn has been at Reading, Pennsylvania, during the annual meeting of the Southern Philatelic Association. Accounts of these two most important events on the philatelic calendar duly will appear in the WEEKLY.

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Gone—We learned with genuine sorrow of the death of H. Wesley Legg at Pepperell, Mass., as for many years our personal acquaintance with Mr. Legg had brought us into intimate contact with him. Mr. Legg was a comparatively young man, somewhat under forty years of age, and his passing deprives philately of a stamp student of exceptional acumen and his friends of an associate of many charming and estimable qualities. Mr. Legg's philatelic knowledge was acute and his judgment on quality was usually unerring. Mr. Legg attended his first American Philatelic Society convention at Springfield, Mass., in 1902; and thereafter, he was somewhat regular in his attendance at the annual meetings. As a dealer, Mr. Legg was to be called a specialist and his patronage was of a select order, we may say. Philately has sustained a severe loss in Mr. Legg's death, and many of us feel the bereavement on friendship's score.

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Worst Has Come—Mexico has done its worst. Mr. A. Roterberg has shown us two postage stamps, one centavo buff and five centavos violet, emanating according to their legends from the district of Oaxaca. It is not because we lost money in a Mexican plantation that had its locale in Oaxaca that we are prejudiced against the stamps but their looks are against them. The Mexican eagle perched between "Correos Transitorio," at top and "Oaxaca" below is an ornithological fright; and the workmanship of the stamps and perforating are crude indeed. If each of the Mexican

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states takes a whirl at stamp issuing, an army of philatelists will feel like cleaning up the country. N. B. The stamps come *tête-beche*.

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At Perihelion—Mr. Hugh Massey Clark, the generalissimo of the forces of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company has engaged in a new venture. On July 24th, 1915, the marriage of Miss Theresa Matilda Scheidemantel to Mr. Clark took place in New York City. May their joy be at perihelion for all time to come.

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Typical Letter—It is apparent to us that the watermarks on United States stamps are as bothersome as ever and that their determination is a task that does not always reward patience and perseverance. Younger collectors often avow their discouragement over the difficulty in detecting the watermarks in question, and the following letter is characteristic of not a few that we receive: "Can you enlighten me upon the subject of watermarks? I have great trouble in finding the watermarks of United States stamps. I use a black celluloid tray and benzine; and this is all right for British colonials, etc., but of no use for the U. S. stamps. I would very much appreciate a reply." On general principles we say, a murren seize U. S. watermarks. They are uncertain, coy and hard to see; and we wish that we were well rid of them. If the purpose of the watermark is to make itself seen, those markings in U. S. paper are arrant failures. When in 1895 watermarked paper was adopted by the authorities in consequence of the counterfeiting of the two cent stamp and there was a speculative orgy in the unwatermarked dollar values of 1894, in particular, the enthusiasm of the most frenzied boomers was jolted at times when the difficulty in deciding which was which became acute. However, there was a disposition to solve the watermark problem by the gum; and crackly, whitish gum was the badge of the unwatermarked stamp. If it was almost impossible to see the watermark on the 1895 issue and as the 1894 issue had no watermark, it was the gum that came to the rescue and decided the question of watermark! Speaking of the watermark of the 1895 issue an English catalogue says: "This watermark is so faint as to be practically invisible, except in whole sheets or large blocks, and for this reason we have not catalogued them separately. Now that it is admitted that the watermark on some of the U. S. stamps is all too faint, we may inquire what is to be done about the condition that confronts us. It will scarcely impress the young collector to say that the difficulty that lies in the detection of the watermark loans a piquancy to the chase. Perseverance in using the benzine cup or tray is the best general suggestion that may be given. Practice will sometimes have its effect in seemingly hopeless instances when after repeated efforts, one will finally succeed in tracing out the watermark. Experience in searching for watermarks will do much to aid one in discovering them but even so, some of the U. S. watermarks almost defy detection and will be posers for philatelists of all kinds, young and old. One should resolve however not to be stumped by so small a thing as a watermark.

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Little to Say—Another question that comes to us frequently and likewise cannot be definitely answered is: "Where can I obtain a book giving the different shades and colors of stamps?" There is no one work on the subject that stands forth as a standard and is accepted gen-

erally for color nomenclature. Several noteworthy attempts in the past to provide a medium of the kind were not wholly successful as may be assumed in the light that they seem to be out of print. Several ingenious ideas have been incorporated in color guides for philatelists but the publications did not attain any wide circulation and consequently acceptance of the plans. Color charts prepared for general use are lacking in details that could with advantage be applied to philately and those for technical purposes are open to objection on some score or other. The naming of colors in philately to a great extent is a matter of individual choice and the great body of collectors are content to follow the authorities and chroniclers of new issues. While the leaders agree fairly well in their judgment yet it is not to be contended that the element of uncertainty does not enter largely in our color classifications. Here, again, experience will do a great part in smoothing out the tangle and the eye becomes the more adept in discrimination. The question is robbed of its seriousness because typical colors, in time, can be identified and when that stage is reached, one cannot go very much out of the way in labeling the shades.

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In Pictures—Yes, they have a way that is all their own in movieland. We have seen letters that passed through the mails sans stamp, postmark, etc.; and B. L. T. in the Chicago Tribune says: "In England one postmarks his own letters and cancels the stamps. Tennyrate, in the photo play of 'The Moonstone' a letter is mailed and when it is held up so the folks in the theater may see the address, it is also noticed that the letter is postmarked and the stamp cancelled." Our old friend, Walter Clark Bellows, author of that wonderful volume, "Campeche," who has been doing a bit of stage directing for a film company would not be guilty of any philatelic *faux pas*.

PHILATELY AND THE EXPOSITION.

By EDGAR S. BISSINGER.

Philately is pretty well represented at San Francisco. In fact, there is plenty to see of interest to philatelists if they only look for it, but, for the convenience of philatelists visiting the fair, let me say a few words about the exhibits of interest to the stamp collector.

The main feature of Uncle Sam's postal exhibit is in the Palace of Mines. Here one may see, from an elevated platform, all the workings of a large city post-office, which the general public are never permitted to view in ordinary post-offices. It is here, that all the Exposition mail is handled, and it is practically a main office, in itself, as all the Exposition mail is dispatched to, and received direct from the depot. There will probably be an officer in charge who will explain all the workings of the office in detail.

As you descend from the platform, you will find, in large, swinging glass cases, a collection of all the postage stamps, ever issued by this government, as well as newspaper, postage due, special delivery, postal savings and parcel post stamps, from 1847 to the present day. This, of course does not include minor varieties.

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ing the intricate workings of railway mail service. There will probably also be an officer in charge here to point out the different parts of the car.

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The usual convention features prevailed consisting of a flash-light photograph, stamp auction, and banquet together with a trip to Coney Island.

The following officers were elected:—President, E. L. Clark; Vice-President, G. R. Goetz; Second Vice-President, H. Meyers; Secretary and Treasurer, A. M. Wright; Directors-at-Large, E. L. Weiss, W. C. Polk, J. H. Frederick, M. Herbert, J. E. Guest and W. A. Striker. The following are the appointed officers: Sales Superintendent, A. C. Bartley; Exchange Supt., J. S. Swisher; Auction Manager, M. Ohlman; Counterfeit Detector, E. H. Gammans; Librarian, J. B. Childs; Fraud Investigator, J. E. Guest; Bulletin Editor, W. C. Polk; International Secretary, O. Hill.

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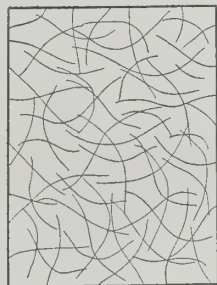
LAI D PAPER IN THE U. S. 1861 ISSUE.

By WM. L. STEVENSON.

Several values of the issue of 1861 have been, and are now, listed as existing on definitely LAID paper. Specimens do exist that show something of a laid effect. I do not believe this is a laid paper but until recently had little except the opinion to put forward. Here is an added item of information on which, with some study, you can base an opinion of your own.

Mr. Luff tells us that this paper is "similar" to that used for some of the first issue revenues. I think this is not quite correct and that this paper is identical with that used for some of the first issue revenues.

This opinion is based on a characteristic of this paper that has heretofore escaped mention. I call it a "hair-watermark." How descriptive this name is can be readily ascertained by looking at the cut and comparing some of the specimens of postage and revenues.



My earliest revenues, used say in October and November, 1862, do not show this characteristic. As the paper changed a bit in November or December, this characteristic appears and continues during 1863 and probably into 1864. I have not found it among the 2c U. S. I. R. which was issued August 12, 1864. Practically every normal imperforate and part-perforate of this period show it in some degree.

The cut shows the general nature of the effect when a well marked specimen is looked through with a good glass. The thinnest and hardest papers generally show it best. Such a watermark on such paper is shown thus only by its relative translucency, not transparency. It is obscured more or less by any softening of the paper, by thickening of the paper, or by rubbing-up of the surface fibers. In the best marked specimens the "hairs" show clearly as indentations in the backs of the stamp paper. This persists even when the watermark is not very clear and is one of the definite characteristics of this "hair-watermark."

It is certain that hairs of some sort were at some time pressed into and then withdrawn from this paper. Such an impression might come from either the printing process or the paper-making process.

Everything considered, I am satisfied that the existing effects cannot come from the printing process. If some do, all do. The most strongly marked ones do not come from the press work.

It is quite certain that this watermark comes from the manufacturing process and it is highly probable that the hairs were thus impressed while the paper was still merely a fairly firm pulp. Whether this was intentional or not is here unimportant but it would be nice if we knew for certain.

It seems evident from examinations

made, etc., that this paper is a definite product of some paper-mill during a certain period. As the revenue paper apparently all came from one contractor till about 1869, the general source seems certain.

Less than half of the revenue stamps so watermarked show the laid effects. The same is true of the postage stamps. The watermark is the more definite and permanent characteristic. The laid effects are uncertain and are no more truly laid lines in the one than in the other set of stamps. I am satisfied that the revenues are not on laid paper and that the same paper in the postage stamps is not laid, and that in the revenues the catalogue is quite correct in not so listing it. No one seems to have ever had any idea of listing a laid paper among this issue of revenues. Make some comparisons and see what you think about it.

In the revenue stamps, I think this paper needs listing as with "hair-watermark." Except for the silk-fiber paper, this is the most distinct paper of the whole issue. In the postage stamps, I think it would be proper to list such specimens as "On revenue paper." I have seen it in the 1c and 3c and the "laid" paper is listed in the 5c and the 2c. It is hardly common in any of the 1861 postage stamps.

To repeat. I am satisfied that the postage stamps of the 1861 issue do not exist on laid paper. I might add that I have still to see what seems to be a laid paper in any issue of our postage stamps. It is possible that some of the paper in the early 80's is laid. I doubt it, but it is worth studying further.

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62	12h ultramarine,	.15	.06
63	60h dull blue,	.25	.25
64	72h carmine,	.35	.30
Brazil.			
1	30r black,	15.00	5.00
4	30r black,	15.00	5.00
78	300r green and orange,	1.50	.50
180	400r olive green,	.25	.05
182	700r red brown,	.50	.15
British Central Africa.			
71	6p orange brown and black,	2.50	—
British Solomon Islands.			
1	½p ultramarine,	.15	.20
2	1p red,	.30	.30
3	2p dull blue,	.30	.30
4	2½p orange,	.40	.40
5	5p yellow green,	1.00	1.00
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22	5c on 10c rose,	1.75	1.75
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39	50c on 12½c brown	4.00	—
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Austria

1883, No. 1008 unused07
1883, No. 1009 unused07
1883, No. 1010 unused00
1883, No. 1012 unused18
1883, No. 1013 unused40
1886, No. 1014 unused04
1886, No. 1015 unused03
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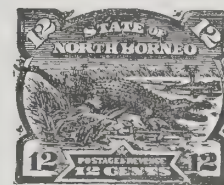
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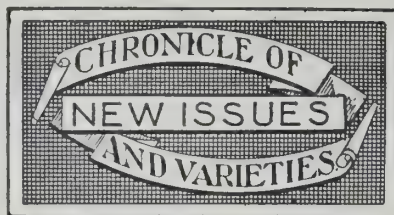
Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Arthur Barger of Framingham, Mass., has returned home from Canada, where he has been for some years connected with one of the large stamp firms. In the Framingham *Evening News* of July 20 appears an interesting writeup dealing with Mr. Barger's return, with particular reference to war stamps and censored communications. It is Mr. Barger's intention to deal in stamps, and the WEEKLY will no doubt be used as a means of becoming acquainted with stamp collectors.

—"I have a copy of the 3 cent of 1851, on entire, bearing date Harrisburg, Pa., July 2nd, the letter being dated July 2nd, 1851. This is the earliest date of which I have any knowledge, the stamp having been issued on July 1st. It is of course, wonderfully clear and fine, as an impression, with the distinctive early shade, enhanced by the blue gridiron obliteration. I should be glad to know whether any dated cancellation survives with the date July 1st."—D. W. HULBURD.

—Harry Caden submits a copy of the title page of the *Black Cat*, containing in bold type the question "Did you ever collect stamps?" and advising its readers to peruse "Jud Perkins Tackles Philately". This is the July number of the *Black Cat*, published by S. E. Casino, who owned the *Boston Stamp Book* in its palmy days. This paper was sold subsequently to Rev. John Luther Kilbon.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from H. S. Parsons, Arthur Kolstad (2), J. H. Weimer (2), H. A. Bernard.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels writes as follows:

"The new envelope contract has now gone into effect and it appears that the old dies will continue to be used with new watermarks. As the contractors receive paper from various manufacturers, the Government has authorized each manufacturer to use a different watermark. So far we have seen two, namely single line letters "U S" interlinked with addition of date. We have designated as wmk. 19 the paper supplied by the American Writing Paper Co. which shows the year date running horizontally across the top of the letters. We have likewise designated as wmk. 20 a similar watermark used by another paper manufacturer, but the year date runs diagonally downward through the same interlinked "U S." What is known as wmk. 17 is the 1911 issue "U S S E", while wmk. 18 is the same with a dash between the "S's," thus "U S—S E".

"As practically all collectors in this country use Bartels' Envelope Catalogue and its Supplement, it might be advisable to append numbers of envelopes to conform with this catalogue. In the enclosed list we have added these numbers, but for the present are not numbering the envelopes with the 1915 watermarks. None of those on the enclosed list have been chronicled by us before."

OLD KNIVES

B.No.	Denom.	Die var.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2456B	2c	B	7	Amber	17	51
2456C	2c	B	7	Blue	17	51
2456F	2c	B	8	Amber	17	59
2467C	2c	D v. 1	7	Buff	17	51
2467D	2c	D v. 11	8	Amber	17	59
2467E	2c	D v. 5	9	Amber	17	61
2475A	1c	A	2	Amber	18	79
2504A	2c	B	7	White	18	51
2504C	2c	B	7	Blue	18	51
2505	2c	B	8	White	18	59
2506A	2c	D v. 13	1	White	18	46
2506B	2c	D v. 5	2	White	18	79
2509a	2c	D v. 1	8	White	18	59
2509k	2c	D v. 11	8	White	18	59

NEW KNIVES

2605A	2c	B	3	Buff	17	92
2606	2c	B	13	White	17	89
2613a	2c	D v. 1	5	White	17	87
2614d	2c	D v. 4	5	Amber	17	87
2669A	2c	B	3	Blue	18	92
2670	2c	B	5	White	18	87
2670D	2c	B	13	White	18	89
2672	2c	D v. 5	3	White	18	92
2681	2c	D v. 3	13	Amber	18	89

WMK. 19 (1915)

—	1c	A	8	White	19	59
—	2c	A	13	White	19	89
—	2c	A	13	Amber	19	89
—	2c	B	13	White	19	89
—	2c	E	5	White	19	87
—	2c	E	8	White	19	59
—	2c	E	13	White	19	89

WMK. 20 (1915)

—	1c	A	8	White	20	59
—	1c	D	13	White	20	89
—	2c	A	13	Amber	20	89
—	2c	B	13	White	20	89

D. D. Berolzheimer writes as follows: "The envelope contract July 1, 1915 to June 30, 1919, for 9,000,000,000 envelopes was awarded to the Middle West Supply Co., of Columbus, Ohio, on the strength of its bid of \$8,000,000. This concern has, however, been bought out by the Mercantile Corporation of New York, the old contractor. Full details of the award, the purchase of the M. W. S. Co., etc., will be found in recent numbers of the Paper Trade Journal. The old envelope dies are still being used, with a revival of the 2c Die B and Die D with its 13 varieties."

Something of a mix-up has occurred in regard to the new perforations on the current 2c stamps. MEKEEL'S WEEKLY stated some time since that the new perforation was 10 3/4. Measurements later on other gauges and of other stamps show that the correct measurement was

11. The following letter from Director J. E. Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will be of interest:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

July 21, 1915.

Mr. WILLARD O. WYLIE, Boston, Mass.,
Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. in which you state that it is reported to you that the perforations on the new stamps, samples of which are enclosed, are gauged 11, while others claim it is 10 3/4. You request to be advised what this Bureau recognizes as the proper perforations. You enclose four 2-cent stamps with your letter to show the perforations.

In reply I beg to state that this Bureau recognizes the standard perforations as 10 and 12.

Apparently your reason for calling attention to this matter is on account of the fact that the perforations between the two bottom stamps enclosed by you run 13, and between the two left hand stamps 11.

This condition may occur and is accounted for by the expansion of the paper, and is due to the fact that the stamps were perforated upon a very damp, humid day; or, if in the case of a lesser number than the standard, to the contraction of the paper, which is printed wet and dried before perforating, or to an exceedingly dry day when the sheets were perforated.

The four 2-cent stamps enclosed by you are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

J. E. RALPH, Director.

It will be noted that Mr. Ralph counts the perforations as they appear at top and sides. As the stamp is 2 mm. wide, the count agrees with the measurement, but at the sides it becomes 13, where the philatelic measurements would be the same as at the top. Allowing for the varying shrinkage of the paper, it is clear that the new perforation is 11 and not 10 3/4; certainly neither 10 nor 12.

Irvin B. Robinson favors us with a description of a new Philippine revenue stamp which was put on the press at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, July 25. The shape is a large horizontal oblong 1 1/4 x 3/4 inches, with "Philippine Islands" at the top, value at the bottom, with the figures of value in the lower corners in small circles. "Internal Revenue" and "Act 1189," "Ph. Com," and various ornamental devices fill the body of the stamp. The stamps are printed in sheets of 100 stamps.

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I. Thurman Mann submits a copy of the current 3c precanceled "Raleigh—North—Carolina."

CANADA.—H. A. Bernard calls attention to the fact that the current 1c and 2c stamps of Canada vary greatly in shade and depth of color. Presumably the printers have found the same difficulty in regard to procuring colors as reported by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington.

WITH APOLOGIES TO "HAMLET".

Fine or superfine the everlasting question. Now is it better to have no stamp at all Than to have one that is not perfect; Or to disregard the dictum of condition cranks And take them as we find them. Imperf. or perf. Each one must have a margin 'round And if a hair's-breadth out to south or north He will not have it and the space is empty, And never will be filled. Why not? because The stamp cannot be found, for sad to say The man who made them did his level best To spoil them all and few were left perfect To suit the crank. Frank A. G.—says, "If the centering's off a mite, reduce the price To some per cent. of catalogue for fine;" But he is wrong, the crank must have them all As perfect as the best, with same outlay As saner mortals pay for average kind; And, if the saner mortal has for sale A copy that to him appears of worth, The crank returns it and demands instead Unknown perfection; says will pay the price Of damaged or off-centered stuff and shies When asked to pay according to the book Whose standard all are ready to accept, As guide and monitor, collectors' friend Which teaches us the A. B. C. of stamps And shows where copies without name belong Thus does a fad make hopeless cranks of some And bids all wonder whether this collecting Is hedged around with such a hopeless task As hunting for the rainbow's hidden gold, The album's pages thus remain unfilled And dead is the collection.

SAN MARINO.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The war is teaching us much of the geography of Europe. Except to the stamp-collector, the existence of the tiny Republic of San Marino was all but unknown to our countrymen until the other day, when its attitude towards the present struggle was made clear. A few years ago, seeking a map of the place at a famous geographical establishment in London, the attendant assured me that I must have mistaken the name, and that it was San Remo I wanted. San Marino, having preserved its own independence for sixteen centuries, runs its own postal service, and has its own distinctive stamps which frank its outgoing foreign mails throughout the scope of the Universal Postal Union. A diligence carries the mails from the little Republic to the nearest point on the Italian railways at Rimini, for the Republic itself has no railways.

Prior to 1877 the Republic was content to use Italian stamps on its outgoing mails; and needed none for its domestic posts. The citizens enjoyed free postage in the interior as late as 1899. On July 1, 1877, the first stamps of San Marino appeared, a series of five denominations printed by the Italian Government Printing Office at Turin. The lowest value bears a large numeral "2" in a horizontal oblong design, the other denominations, which are all in "centesimi," depict the arms of San Marino, showing three towers on three mountain summits surmounted by a crown. The stamps were designed by Sr. Enrico Repetti of Placenza.

The values 2, 10, 20, 30, and 40 centesimi served all the needs of the country until 1891, when 5 and 25 centesimi denominations were added.

The next year the proud little Republic evidently got into the hands of German philatelic speculators, and their trail is over all the middle period of Sammarinese stamp issues. In the early and middle 'nineties there were special journals published in San Marino, the first by a member of the great Dresden stamp society, who took up residence in the Republic. The first provisional surcharges appeared in 1892, when 20,000 of the 10c and 10,000 of the 30c stamps were surcharged "Cmi 5" in black. This so depleted the stock of 10c stamps that 40,000 of the 20c denomination were next surcharged "Cmi 10," which lot was afterwards supplemented by another 40,000, with the surcharge reading "10-10."

About the same period the use of stamps cut diagonally in half appears to have been allowed to make up odd amounts of postage, and it is not uncommon to find half of a 10c stamp used as 5c, or two and a half 2c stamps used on letters to make up the postage rate of 5 centesimi.

On July 15, 1892, the stamps in the old design, values 5 and 30 centesimi, appeared in new colours, olive-green and yellow respectively, and three new values were added—40 and 45 centesimi and 1 lira. The 2 centesimi was changed to blue on March 15, 1894, the 10 centesimi to dark green, and the following new stamps were created—15 and 65 centesimi, 2 and 5 lire.

In this year (1894) San Marino sent out its first pictorial series, commemorative of the visit of the late King Humbert, who opened the new Palazzo Pubblico, wherein the Council of Sixty conduct the affairs of the Republic. There are three values in three different designs. The 25 centesimi, marone and blue, shows in a quatrefoil frame an exterior view of the new palace, and in the upper spandrels are tiny portraits of the captains regent of that day, Commander Tommini and Chevalier Marcucci. The 50 centesimi, marone and red, shows the same view in a frame with a triangular opening, which arrangement shows more of the Pianello and a marble statue of Liberty, which was presented to San Marino by an English lady.

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chairs in which were presented to the little Republic by the President of the French Republic, the late M. Carnot. The portraits of the captains regent are repeated on all three values.

The colours of the regular stamps were rearranged in 1895, and again in 1898, the latter occasion bringing the 5, 10, and 25 centesimi values into line with the Postal Union requirements.

In 1899 the "Captains Regent of the Most Serene Republic" decreed that, beginning with Feb. 5, correspondence for the interior of the Republic should be prepaid with postage stamps created for the purpose and in accordance with rates set forth in the decree. The design of these special stamps for the interior shows a view of the aforementioned statue of Liberty.

A new series of stamps in 1903 introduced two new designs, one of an ornate numeral pattern, the other showing a view of Monte Titano, with the three towers of the Rocca Fortress, the Palazzo Pubblico, and the Torre della Fratta; down the side of the mountain are houses representing the little market town Borgo, a suburb of the capital. Two additional values in a new design appeared in 1907, and in that year also was introduced a stamp of 25 centesimi for use on "express" letters, which issue suggests that latterly the sleepy little Republic has not escaped the quickening influences of modern life.—London Telegraph.

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The only "stamps" of the war with which philatelists are concerned, are, of course, those which have a bona fide postal validity, and purely charity stamps having no other object than to serve the convenience of collecting charitable donations, are outside the sphere of philatelic recognition. But the most effective of the war charity stamps in augmenting the funds of the humane organisations concerned in alleviating pain and distress are those which combine with the charitable object a postal utility which brings the charity stamp into the category of postage stamps. Such stamps may fairly be expected to attain a greater circulation by reason of their legitimate use on all classes of correspondence, and by the utilisation of the numerous agencies of the postal administration throughout the length and breadth of the country of issue, to ensure their widespread sale.

In the present war France was the first country to issue a war charity postage stamp, which it did on August 18th, a little over a fortnight after les Boches had intruded upon French soil and set ablaze the conflagration which the armies and navies of the allied nations have not yet succeeded in extinguishing. The stamp of August 18, 1914, was of a provisional character only, being the current 10 centimes stamp surcharged with a Red Cross and "5c.", making the total expressed value 10c + 5c.=15 centimes. Of this sum the original face value 10c. represented the postal franking value, the extra 5 centimes being the contribution to the war fund. The war fund benefited by the French charity stamps is the Red Cross, which in France is a triple concern, the three branches of which are the:

- (1) Société Française de Secours aux Blessés Militaires.
- (2) Association des Dames de France.
- (3) Union des Femmes de France.

The first of these bodies is the oldest and did great service in the war of 1870. But as a commentary upon the vast extent of the present war operations in France it may be remarked that this Society alone has already spent more than during the whole of the Franco-Prussian War. Since 1907 three societies have worked in harmony under one central committee as the French Red Cross.

It will be interesting to learn in due course to what extent the French Red Cross benefits by the charity postage stamps issued in its interests. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* last November gave a few illuminating statistics of the sales:

During the last 15 days of August: Francs 30,000.

During the whole of September: Francs 90,000.

The average daily sale in September was 3000 francs, sufficient for the tending of 750 wounded soldiers per day, at an average daily cost per head of 4 francs.

The provisional stamp of August was replaced by a stamp of definitive type on September 12; in this the die of the Sower stamp has been adapted to show the charity supplement on the stamp impression, so that from the new plates the new stamp is printed at a single impression. Plates have also been pre-

pared for the issue of the Red Cross stamps in book form, in which form they were issued on February 13. The booklet of 20 stamps sells at 3 francs.

Large posters have been printed in various sizes for the extensive advertising of the stamps. Most of these were included in the very interesting and documentary collection of the French Red Cross stamps shown by Mr. Franz Reichenheim at the recent War Stamp Exhibition in London.

The Principality of Monaco followed with a surcharged stamp for the French Red Cross, and since September last a number of similar issues have been made for the French colonies, protectorates and postal agencies. A full list of these to date follows:

FRANCE AND MONACO.

France. Provisional Issue. August 18 (600,000).

Definitive issue, without surcharge. September 12.

Monaco. October.

COLONIES, PROTECTORATES, ETC.

Alexandria. May.

Dahomey. April.

Guadeloupe. May.

Guinea. April.

Indo-China. Local surcharge (15,000).

Indo-China. Paris surcharge. February.

Ivory Coast. April.

Madagascar. February.

Martinique. May.

Mauritania. April.

Morocco Protectorate. September.

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Morocco Protectorate. Locally overprinted at Oudjda. This resembles the preceding stamp, but the word PROTECTORATE is absent from the black overprint; and the figure "5" is slightly larger.

Morocco Protectorate. Definitive type, with the "+5c" added in the design of the stamp.

Morocco. Special issue for Tangier. The French definitive stamp overprinted MAROC and in Arabic.

New Caledonia. Local overprint on Cagou type.

Port Said. May.

Reunion. Local surcharge in black (2,000).

50,000 were surcharged in black, but only 2,000 had been sold when the stamp was withdrawn and superseded by the next stamp in this list.

Reunion. Local surcharge in red.

Senegal. April.

Somali Coast. May.

Tangier. See under Morocco.

Tunis. The 15 centimes stamp overprinted with cross only, in red. February or March.

Upper Senegal and Niger. April.

—Postage Stamp.

TWENTY YEARS AFTER.

To the Editor:—

It has been 16 or 18 years since I have been interested in philately, my interest waning when I accidentally lost or had stolen a fine collection out in this country. Recently I began passing away the time in looking up stamps again and incidentally I subscribed for the WEEKLY, the first copy of which came to hand today. I noticed your name and remembered having met you on several occasions and if I am not mistaken you were also interested in journalism. That was while I was living in Chicago. I think we had several visits together considering subjects in which we were mutually interested.

I am glad to see you president and editor of that magazine and trust you have been prosperous during all these years since last we met. I have been occasionally interested in newspaper work since coming west and at present am running a daily here, a copy of which I am sending you. I was impelled to drop you a few lines because it recalled old times.

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MAFEKING SIEGE STAMPS.

In the current issue of the Boy Scouts Association "Headquarters Gazette" Sir R. Baden Powell has an interesting note on the origin of the famous Mafeking siege stamps. He recalls that, as the available stock of stamps at the post office were required for letters smuggled through the Boer lines by native runners, it became necessary to manufacture new stamps for use inside the town. Accordingly the Chief Staff Officer and the postmaster put their heads together and devised the new stamps and had them made.

"One day they produced the stamps, penny ones, imprinted with a picture of one of our cadet cyclist despatch riders, and this became the regulation stamp for internal postage; but in addition to this, apparently as a little surprise for me, they printed a sheet of stamps with my portrait on them as a memento of the siege. I was rather amused to hear later on the rumour that I thought so much of myself that I had ordered these stamps for issue. This would have been self-glorification indeed—had I done it!"—*London Telegraph*.

A BOOK ABOUT ONE STAMP.

This review is by Mr. Melville in the "Stamp Lover," and he indicates that the British press has nothing on the WEEKLY when it comes to specialism. It is really too bad that the "Philatelic Record" could not have reviewed this book, it would surely have given us a glorious name and fame. May we just add that this book by Mr. Wiley is meeting with a great sale.—Ed.

When the specialist writer discards the mere magnifier for the microscope, and the sensitive finger for the micrometer, he may be quite entertaining to a limited circle of enthusiasts, but he is beyond the depth of the general reader. Mr. Wiley has micrometrically gauged the paper thickness of thousands of the familiar 3 cents stamp of the imposing design of 1870; he has calculated—and his pamphlet contains many remarkable calculations—that 2 per cent. of the Continental Company's printings were on "ribbed" paper, and of these 2 per cent. he finds the micrometer gives a dozen degrees of variations in paper thickness expressed in ten-thousands of an inch. There, indeed, is philately reduced almost, if not quite, to an "exact" science! But in some modern aspects of philatelic specialism in the States we are inclined to fear there is a tendency to overdo the "science." When, as in the case named, we get many details, so mathematically complex as to be working out in ten-thousands of an inch, and we, in common with many other "dabblers" in U. S. stamps, don't believe there is any true ribbed paper throughout the Continental printings of this stamp, our scepticism is not a matter to marvel at. But a work like Mr. Wiley's may fairly have its uses in our philately. We entered upon our short notice with fear and trembling, for it is too much to expect a mere reviewer for a weekly paper, to produce a serious critique in a few hours on a work that must have taken its scientist author years to compile even the mere statistics he has set out, statistics which, in the main, may never be challenged, for this is not everybody's way of going about the study of one stamp.

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THE EARLY HAWAIIANS.

(Continued.)

By JOHN N. LUFF.

Continuing our examination of the copies of official records published in *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies*, we find another letter of Postmaster-General Clark, dated October 31, 1852. (As Mr. Clark held this office from 1859 to 1863, this date is doubtless a misprint for 1862.) In this letter he writes: "Hereafter we shall not keep any United States stamps, and persons wishing to pay the United States postage can do so in money or use the 13-cent stamps, which represent the full amount necessary." This would indicate that, while the 13-cent stamp was out of use, the stock was not entirely exhausted.

In its number for April, 1864, the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* said: "The 5 cents of the Sandwich Islands we have never seen on pure white, but occasionally on an exceedingly pale tint of bluish paper." Again, in March, 1866, the same magazine says of the 5-cent stamp: "Genuine impressions on white are extremely scarce"; while of the 13 cents it says: "It was suppressed in 1863 and is now very rare." Had the stamps on soft, yellowish paper, which have been so plentiful in more recent years, been in existence at that time, these remarks would scarcely have been made.

On June 24, 1864, Mr. William G. Irwin, stamp clerk in the Honolulu post-office, wrote to Mons. Moens (see the *Monthly Journal* for December, 1900) as follows: "The 13-cent stamp is one that was issued when the rate of postage from these Islands to the United States was 8 cents, but it having been changed since, the stamp has become obsolete. So the stamps now used in this kingdom are only: 1 cent, 2 cents, 5 cents."

On February 24, 1865, Mr. Irwin wrote again to Mons. Moens (see the same number of the *Monthly Journal* as for the foregoing extract), acknowledging an order for stamps and sending, among other things, sixty 5 cents and twelve 13 cents of the 1853 issue. He also wrote: "The 13-cent stamps have become very scarce, and I had to pay a large premium for those I now send; in fact, it is almost impossible to get any now, and as they long since became obsolete, no more impressions will be taken from the plate, which is some-

where in the United States. * * * I must apologize for having been so long in replying to your letter, but as I send you a new stamp which you have not yet seen, I hope you will not complain. The post-office has no 5-cent stamps on hand. While awaiting a fresh supply from the United States we issue in the meantime the provisional 5 cents (numerals) to serve until the others arrive."

This numeral was the 5 cents with "Hawaiian Postage" at each side. From this letter we see that the stock of the 13-cent stamp was entirely exhausted and there were no expectations that it would be replenished. The stock of the companion 5 cents must also have been exhausted or nearly so, as a provisional issue had been found necessary. The printing of this provisional in blue ink and upon blue paper probably indicates an attempt to conform, in those particulars, with the 5-cent stamp previously in use. Mr. Irwin's words "while awaiting a fresh supply from the United States" have been construed to mean a fresh supply of the 5 cents of the 1853 type, because it is known that the 5 cents of the 1866 type was not ordered until about two months after the date of his letter. But is it not possible that he, knowing the issue of a new stamp to be contemplated, supposed it had already been ordered by the Postmaster-General?

Again turning to *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* (October, 1899) we find that on March 6, 1865, Postmaster-General David Kalakaua wrote to the postmaster at Hilo: "Your order for 5-cent Hawaiian and 5-cent United States stamps I am unable to furnish, being entirely out of them, and having been obliged to send to the United States for a fresh supply. The 3-cent and 2-cent United States are the only kinds we have, and which I forward you by this mail in place of the 5-cent stamps. You will have to collect the Hawaiian postage of 5 cents in money until the stamps can be procured."

From Mr. W. M. Giffard's *Descriptive Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of Hawaii* we learn that, on April 26, 1865, an order for 200,000 5-cent stamps was sent to New York. This order was executed by the National Bank Note Company.

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REPRINTS.

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We occasionally see copies of the 13-cent stamp which have a large figure "5" written on them in black ink. This has been claimed by some to be a provisional issue, while others assert that the figure is merely an accountant's mark.



Thin bluish wove paper:

The next stamps issued in the Islands were the so-called "plain border" numerals. They were issued on August 1, 1859, and remained in use until about 1866. During that period other stamps were brought into use, but I think it will be preferable to consider these stamps as a group by themselves and not to interrupt the series merely for the purpose of mentioning all varieties in their exact chronological order.

There were three denominations of these stamps—1, 2 and 5 cents. The first was to pay the postage on newspapers; the second was for letters passing between the islands or between two post-offices on the same island, and the third was issued provisionally to supply a shortage of the regular stamp of that denomination. The stamps were typeset and arranged in groups of ten. In printing them it was customary to make five impressions of the setting, or a total of fifty stamps, on each sheet of paper. The sheets were divided into half sheets of twenty-five stamps before delivery to postmasters. Very frequently some of the impressions were printed tête-bêche to the others, and pairs which have been cut from such sheets are occasionally seen in collections. So far as we know, there were never any true têtes-bêches—that is to say, any which were caused by an inverted variety in the setting. The stamps were printed on ordinary letter paper, bought at a stationer's, which accounts for the variations in quality, color, etc.

The printing was done in the office of the *Polynesian*, and when not in use the material which composed the setting was kept in a safe. Changes were made from time to time in the arrangement of the component parts, and when different values were required the numerals and the word "Cents" were altered to suit the occasion. Some time ago I made an exhaustive study of these stamps and published the result in the *American Journal of Philately* for August, 1901. My conclusion was that the eleven settings which have long been familiar to collectors through illustrations were not all that had existed. Thanks to leading specialists, who kindly loaned me their collections, I was able to considerably extend the list of settings. It is quite possible that still others exist. I thought it best to retain the familiar numbers of the settings and to add the new ones by means of letters. I also rearranged the numbers, placing them in the order in which I believed them to have been printed. The reader who desires to know my reasons for this arrangement is referred to the *American Journal of Philately*. The space at my disposal does not permit their repetition here. I shall adopt the same order and numbering in the following list.

AUGUST, 1859.

I, 2c, light blue on grayish-white.
IA, 1c, light blue on grayish-white.

DECEMBER, 1860.

IB, 2c, black on gray.
III, 2c, black on grayish (shades).
Variety: "INTERISLAND."
III, 2c, black on gray-white.

JANUARY, 1863.

IIA, 1c, light blue on bluish-white.
IIB, 2c, light blue on bluish-white.
II, 1c black on grayish.
IIC, 2c black on grayish.

Variety: "2" at top of rectangle.

"Impression on the reverse.

" "NTER."

IIC, 2c black on greenish-blue.

APRIL, 1864.

IV, 1c black on yellowish-white.
V, 2c black on yellowish white.
V, 2c black on deep blue-gray.
V, 2c dark blue on grayish.

Variety: "HAW IIAN."

FEBRUARY, 1865.

VII, 1c black on white laid.

Variety: "HA" only, at left side.

VIII, 2c black on white laid.

Variety: "NTER."

" "POTAGE."



VI, 5c dark blue on gray-blue.

VIA, 5c dark blue on gray-blue.

JUNE, 1865.

X, 2c dark blue on white.

IX, 1c dark blue on white.

Variety: "1 Cen."

1865-66.

XI, 5c dark blue on gray-blue.

As has already been shown, the first of the 5-cent numeral stamps was issued provisionally about February, 1865, the 5 cents of the 1853 type being exhausted and its successor not yet ordered. It is evident that, before the new stamps arrived from New York, the supply of the first provisional was used up and a second one had to be made. For this purpose recourse was had to the type-set form which had been used for the 1 and 2 cents dark blue inter-island stamps. The compositor merely changed the central numeral and the value and overlooked the inscriptions at the sides, which were quite incorrect for a stamp which was intended to pay external postage. The only copy which is known with a dated cancellation was used on September 2, 1866, but the stamp was probably issued late in 1865 or early in 1866.

When Mr. Irwin wrote to M. Moens in June, 1864, he sent the 2 cents numeral on yellowish-white paper and announced that all 2-cent stamps had been superseded by the engraved 2 cents of 1864. Yet, when he wrote in February, 1865, he sent more 2-cent numerals, which were received and chronicled in *Le Timbre Poste* for August, 1865, as 2 cents black on white laid and 2 cents dark blue on white wove paper. By some writers these and their companion 1-cent stamps were thought to be reprints, but it now seems evident that they were provisional issues made to supply a shortage of the 2 cents of 1864. The 1-cent stamps were as necessary then as at any time to pay the postage on newspapers.

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The next stamp to claim our attention is the 2 cents rose, lithographed, on laid paper. The date of issue of this stamp has usually been given as 1862. In his work on Hawaiian stamps Mr. Giffard says: "Mr. H. M. Whitney, who was Postmaster-General from 1850 to 1856, states that the order for the first 2-cent stamp (lithographed) was sent by him to Boston shortly after that for the 13 and 5 cent of the 1853 issue, and that the date of issue (1862), as ascribed to it by philatelists abroad, is erroneous, the correct date being 1855." I believe Mr. Whitney to have been mistaken in what he thought he remembered. In Mr. B. C. Kenyon's *History of the Postal Issues of Hawaii* he speaks of certain essays of 1, 2 and 3 cent stamps, which were tendered as designs for inter-island stamps, at the same time as the designs for the 1853 issue. Possibly Mr. Whitney had these in mind. If the reader will refer back to the two letters of Postmaster-General Clark to Mr. J. S. Marsh, written in November, 1860, and March, 1861, he will see that the Postmaster-General first asked estimates on plates and printing of 1 and 2 cent stamps, and then decided not to order them. Following these letters, I quoted part of a letter to Mons. C. N. Rondot. A later paragraph in that letter says: "In 1861, the early part of the present year, an attempt was made to improve the engraving of the 2-cent stamp, and accordingly a red stamp, with a face on it, was printed, the value remaining the same. This last is now in use." This would seem to settle the date of issue as being, beyond question, 1861. Evidently, the Postmaster-General changed his mind, after his letter of March, 1861, and decided to order the 2-cent stamps. It has always been agreed that the stamps were made in Boston, and the fact that they were lithographed would indicate that they were wanted in a hurry and that there was not sufficient time to make a plate and print from it.

Le Timbre Poste for September, 1865, and the *Stamp Collector's Magazine*, for March, 1866, described the stamp as issued in 1862. *Le Timbre Poste* for 1863 (page 12), says: "The 2 cents pale rose has been replaced by a stamp of a bright carmine shade."

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EDITORIAL.

A Triumph—The convention of the Southern Philatelic Association at Reading, Pa., on August 5th, 6th and 7th, afforded a delightful surprise. The most sanguine expectations of success were exceeded in realization and in all its aspects, the convention was ideal. The advantages enjoyed by the delegates were such as to command unrestrained enthusiasm. No philatelic occasion of the kind could have more bounteously rewarded those present than the festival at Reading. The attendance was large and representative and the roster included names of some of the foremost philatelists of the country. The commingling of philately and fellowship at the convention was in well-measured proportion and Reading has written its name high on the record of philatelic achievement.

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Just Wait—At this time we shall not attempt even to scratch the surface of the broad vista of recollection of the S. P. A. Convention but in issues to come we shall deal adequately with the convention in its details. It may be said that in some respects the meeting was a tribute to the esteem in which the philatelic leaders of Reading are held by the friends that they have made in the course of over a score of years of loyal service to collecting and the testimonial of regard was deserved. To the older generation of philatelists, the names of Kissinger, Fox, Kantner and McDermott of Reading inspire memories that are most pleasant and their present activities are such as to be an incentive to the younger collector of to-day.

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Advertising—An important adjunct of the convention was its publicity phase and it is safe to say that never before has a meeting of philatelists been given so much space in the newspaper press of the city in which it was held. Singularly accurate accounts of the proceedings were given front page space and two column notices, for instance, were a

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common allotment. One of the Reading dailies under the management of Mr. Fox was the space-maker in this regard and the philatelic accuracy of its reports was a joy to contemplate and the other newspapers ably followed the leadership of the Reading *News Times*. Philately came into its own in the Reading dailies.

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Obsolete—We have been informed that the 1911 set of Venezuela has been demonetized and that likewise has been the 1911-13 issue of Dominican Republic. The official Dominican Republic without surcharge are not good for postage, our correspondent adds.

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The Link—Some time ago, we were enabled to report the discovery of U. S. stamped envelopes, both of the 1853 and 1857-60 issues, three cent, with the type-set inscription "Trans-Mississippi Post Office Dept." of the Confederacy; and these Confederate officially franked envelopes bore the postmark of Marshall, Texas, as the place of origin. The envelopes that were described had come into the possession of Mr. McDonald and the reference to them aroused attention on the part of students of Confederate issues. We have now received correlative information on the subject that we are pleased to impart as it does much to make the story of the envelopes complete. Mr. McDonald says: "In a new book just published, entitled 'Confederate and Southern State Currency,' by Wm. West Bradbeer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., there appears on page 25, the words: 'The Congress of the Confederate States do enact that the President by and with the consent of the Senate appoint an agent of the Treasury Department whose duty it shall be to reside west of the Mississippi, at such place to discharge such duties as shall from time to time be assigned to him by the Secretary of the Treasury with a salary of \$3,000 per annum, payable quarterly in advance.' The point designated for the branch (sub) treasury was Marshall, Texas. D. F. Shall was appointed auditor and James H. Starr became agent of the 'Trans-Mississippi Post Office Dept.' at Marshall. The ostensible purpose in establishing such a branch was to provide a much safer place than Richmond in case of emergency." Mr. McDonald adds: "This accounts for the Trans-Mississippi envelopes heretofore noted and the franking signature is no doubt Starr instead of Stern, as we formerly made it out." The confirmatory statements based on historical records that Mr. McDonald has submitted are explanatory as we have said of the existence of the Marshall, Texas, "second capital" of the Confederacy. In time, we hope to give a further word on this interesting phase of Confederate postal history.

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Even So—From Franklin P. Adams' column in the New York *Tribune* (and we regard F. P. A. as about the equal of B. L. T. who taught F. P. A. the rules of verbal vaudeville) we are pleased to "lift" the following sage observation: "The National Philatelic Society is convening in New York. It is a good many years since we sold sheets of stamps on commission but we can recall the time when we considered completing a 'set' the most important thing in the world. Nor are we convinced that many things are more important." Two weeks ago, when we first printed the foregoing paragraph, the impression that it made on us was so deep that we feel that F. P. A.'s philosophy deserves a word of commendation. When a student of the human comedy of the sapience of Mr. Adams lifts his voice to say that he does not think that many things are

more important than completing a set of stamps, Old Dignity need not avoid the boulevards in order to keep it dark that he is a stamp collector. However, the past twelvemonth has taught a good many that all is vanity and that the little things of life well done hold their sweetest triumphs. No longer need the quiet collector keep his collecting quiet.

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Great Fun—From Mr. Arthur W. Line, Los Angeles, California, we have received a copy of *Punch*, London, several months old, that moves us strangely. For a time all too short, *Philatelic Punch*, in this country, gave a rosy tinge to the philatelic atmosphere; and so, we suppose that it is too much to hope for a *Philatelic Punch* in Great Britain. Yet we find a page of the classic comic weekly, *London Punch*, devoted to "The Stamps of Fortune," described as "our great war serial, a romance of love, war and philately." From the "synopsis of preceding chapters and characters in the story which takes place in the autumn of 1914," we learn that the dramatis personae are as follows: Emilia Watermark, the sweet and fond English maiden who has inherited from her father a wonderful stamp collection which includes "a unique set of San Salvador 1896 issue (unused)"; This dear young "lady philatelist" is in love with the "pure collector", Harold Pootwink, who is the secret rival of Steinart who "deals on the side". A beautiful philatelic adventuress, a champion stamp "lifter" who really is loved by Steinart, is enamored with Harold. Prisons, plots, passions and philately run riot in chapters XLVI and XLVII and though the narrative is "(To be continued)", we fear that one will look in vain for another instalment of the scrambled tale. The burlesque is a sprightly one and its cleverness is tinged with philately in the right proportion and consequently, stamp collectors best will be able to appreciate the skit.

DEATH OF MELVILLE STEWART.

Many collectors who knew Melville Stewart personally, will be exceedingly sorry to hear of his very sudden death on the 5th of August at noon.

Mr. Stewart was a well known actor and an enthusiastic collector and leaves a widow and a son of 15, and the funeral took place on Sunday, August the 8th, at the Masonic Temple.

We feel sure that the sympathies of the collecting world will be extended to his family and many collectors all over the United States will mourn his loss.

To Mr. Eustace B. Power we are indebted for the above information.

CHICAGO COLLECTOR IN THE TOILS.

A postage stamp collection, a patent portable army cot and four city blocks presented by Alexandria, Va., to the inventor of the cots, on which to build a factory, are a combination that caused trouble for Dr. Adolfo Luria, 921 Independence boulevard, according to the physician.

Dr. Luria was arrested yesterday on a fugitive warrant from Washington, charging him with the larceny by bailee of the stamp collection from Antony Telli of that city.

The doctor said he was in Washington arranging for the sale of 50,000 cots at \$10 each and met Telli, who sold him the collection for \$25. The doctor said he promised to keep Telli in mind for a job in the factory. Telli's anger over the delay caused him to allege the stamps were worth \$500 and get a warrant, said the accused man.—Chicago *Herald*.

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PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT OF LETTERS TO VARIETIES.

By Wm. L. STEVENSON.

In connection with the suggestions regarding a revenue list, printed recently in the *Collector's Journal*, a correspondent advances an excellent idea. He suggests that so far as possible each different revenue variety be designated by the same letter permanently in every issue and under every stamp, now and in future whenever such a variety occurs. This would take the place of the present method of assigning the first letters of the alphabet in turn to the varieties under each stamp regardless of what that letter indicates under some other stamp.

I have worked over this idea for some time under the postage stamps and have tried various and numerous expedients in an attempt to arrive at a simple and consistent system that could be adopted as a permanent arrangement for both postage and revenue. I am not at all sure I have found the ideal means to this end but will here submit my present arrangement for criticisms and comment. Don't hold back a single idea you may have because it is but one. It may be the idea. The fundamental idea involved is certainly worthy of attention.

In the revenue stamps, considered by themselves, it would be very easy to make such an assignment. In the postage stamps, there are from first to last many more kinds of varieties recognized than can be covered by our one available alphabet. There seems to be no other alphabet sufficiently well known for our purposes. Further extension of use of numbers seems inadvisable. I think we should retain the use of capital letters till we come to considering the shade problem. There is our problem.

Some varieties occur in nearly all issues and may be expected to turn up in future issues at any time. Such are the double transfers, imperforates of normally perforated stamps, etc.

Some varieties occur in but one issue or in but few periods. Such are the grills, the book-leaves, etc.

Still other varieties are of infrequent occurrence or occur only as great rarities; as color errors, or cracked plates; while still others are nearly on the border line between varieties and mere curiosities of the postal service; as split provisionals, revenues used as postage stamps, etc.

The complications are quite apparent but there are openings if we care to take advantage of them.

I here give my present solution. Note that I have divided the varieties into three not very sharply drawn classes assigning to some double letters, to others absolutely permanent single letters, and to others letters permanent only within given periods. Where letters are unassigned, they are open for further extensions.

Permanent general assignment of double letters to odds and ends.

aa cracked plate.
bb damaged plate (scratches, etc.).

cc double paper.
dd (postage) on revenue paper.
ee
ff
gg
hh
ii color error, or similar.
jj
kk
ll second impression on face.
mm second impression on back.
nn perforate pair, imperforate between.
oo stitch watermark.
pp double perforation.
rr split provisional.
ss postage used as revenue or as postage due.
tt revenue used as postage.

Permanent assignment of single letters to varieties common to several periods.

u invert of bi-color stamps.
v double transfers.
w imperforate (of a perforate normal).
x imperforate H. (from sheet).
y imperforate V. (from sheet).

Permanent assignment in given periods.

1847 to 1866.

a inverted transfers.
b open.
c recut lines.
d recut lines.
e recut lines.
f recut lines.
g multiple side lines.
h-i open.
j chemical paper.
k double paper.
l m-n-o-p-r-s-t open.

1867 to 1873.

a A grill (1867).
b B grill (1867).
c C grill (1867).
d D grill (1867).
e E grill (1867).
f F grill (1867).
g G grill (1869).
h H grill (1870).
i I grill (1870).
j Z grill (1867).
k double C grill.
l double D grill.
m double E grill.
n double F grill.
o double G grill.
p double H grill.
r double I grill.
s marginal grill.

1873 to 1893.

a ribbed paper.
b silk fibre paper.
c open.
d cap on left numeral.
e caps on both numerals.
f Douglas patent.
g Fletcher patent.
h open.
i National design, (American printing).
j Continental design from defective roller.
k (American print).
l o-p-r-s-t open.

1894 to date.

a perforated 10 in sheet (under stamps originally perf. 12).
b-c open.
d book-leaf, perf. 12.
e book-leaf, perf. 10.
f-g open.
h H. coil, perf. 12.
i V. coil, perf. 12.
j H. coil, perf. 8 1/2.
k V. coil, perf. 8 1/2.
l H. coil, perf. 10 (old press).
m V. coil, perf. 10 (old press).
n H. coil, perf. 10 (rotary press).
o V. coil, perf. 10 (rotary press).
p-q-r-s open.
t blued paper.

As applied to the revenues.

h hair watermark.
m sewing-machine perforation.
p square periods (in overprint).
s silk fibres paper (first issue).
v invert of bi-color stamp.
w double transfers.
x imperforate (of a perforate or rouletted normal).
y imperforate H. (from sheet).

HUNGARY

1913, 1f grey-black, No. 151* \$0.02
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1913, 3f orange, No. 153*03
1913, 5f green, No. 154*04
1913, 10f carmine, No. 156*05
1913, 12f violet, No. 157*06
1913, 16f grey-green, No. 158*07
1915, 20f dark brown No. 159*08
1914, 60f grey-green, No. 16120
1915 War on No. 15103
1915 " " No. 15203
1915 " " No. 15304
1915 " " No. 15405
1915 " " No. 15507
1915 " " No. 15607
1915 " " No. 15710
1915 " " No. 15812
1915 " " No. 15914
1915 " " No. 16016
1915 " " No. 16118
1915 " " No. 16220
1915 " " No. 16322
1915 " " No. 16425
1915 " " No. 16530
1915 " " No. 16665
1915 " " No. 167 1.30
1915 " " No. 8403
1915 " " No. 8504
1915 " " No. 8604
1915 " " No. 8805

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z imperforate V. (from sheet).
ii color error, or similar.
oo stitch watermark.
ss postage used for revenue stamp.
pp double perforation.

It will probably be said that as no one will ever attempt to memorize such a list, the scheme is absolutely useless. It is not expected that anyone will ever make such an attempt. No argument is required on that point. It certainly is obvious to any one that constant use of any list tends to fix the most used numbers and letters in the memory, the more constant the use the more fixed the memory. This is well illustrated by the frequent mistakes due to the constant changes in the list numbers as shown by our catalogues as changed frequently since, say, 1890. It surely is a nuisance and for one thing makes it extremely unpleasant for other dealers in getting out their own sales lists, and to all dealers in arranging stock.

Dealers and collectors handling mainly the stamps since 1890 will quickly see the value of the idea. The same applies a little less strongly to those who are more interested in previous periods. As before said, the fundamental idea is correct and sound. All that is needed is the correct and sound solution. Think it over. Can anyone suggest any better or simpler solution or make any suggestions whatever toward the desired end? Don't consider simply the one little portion of the list in which you may be personally interested at present. It is a bigger problem than that.

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"AT LUCID INTERVALS."

By JOSEPH LOWELL.

I recently had occasion to enter several books in the Sales Dept. of the S. P. A., a book of fine German colonials being among the lot. A note was added to the effect that since the allies had captured the colonies issuing these stamps, Scott's prices on these issues had been cancelled, and were no real guide at the time. Imagine my surprise on receiving the retired books, to find the following penciled by some patriotic son of the Fatherland underneath my note, "Taken, but will take them back!"

What has become of the Perforated Pete, Embossed Emil, O. R. Gum, Gushie Gurgle, and the unfortunate Count, not to forget that popular sticker to the hobby, "The Perfect Philatelist"? Have they all given way to the new order, or are they languishing in deserted European tourist resorts, patiently waiting for return tickets to Boston? Or, perchance, may they have wended their way southward to sunny Sonora, in the search of Maro and Centavob errors?

A friend nearly succumbed to a shock he received some weeks ago, and is not yet himself. "There's a Reason." He bid \$2.00 on an item in a stamp auction, and it was sent him at \$1.50, 10c above the next highest bid, as per rules of the sale!!

Old man Diogenes can blow out his lantern and hang it up. We have found the honest man, a stamp dealer at that. A boy collector friend recently paid 25c for an unused copy of Venezuela, 230b, then cat. \$2.50. Last week 20c was returned to him by the dealer, with the statement that as the stamp was now priced very low, he did not want his customers to lose money, hence the refund up to half catalogue. Poor business on the dealer's part, you say? A loss on these particular sales, possibly, but will warrant that he has these "kid collectors" for keeps.

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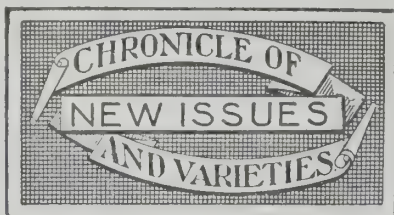
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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AUSTRALIA.—Ewen's Weekly reprints a cutting from the Argus of May 25, 1915, with reference to the 1d rate to Samoa, etc., which, of course, only applies to those parts over which the Australian Government holds jurisdiction and not over such parts as American Samoa or Dutch New Guinea:—

"It has been decided that the penny rate of postage on letters posted in the Commonwealth shall be extended forthwith to correspondence for Samoa, New Guinea (except Dutch New Guinea), Bismarck Archipelago (comprising New Britain, the Admiralty Islands, New Ireland, New Hanover, &c., Nauru, Bougainville, and Buka, Solomon Islands). The reduction is in consequence of similar action by the Imperial postal authorities. A new scale of charges for parcels sent by post to Samoa, New Guinea (late German New Guinea), the Marshall and Caroline Islands is also now in force. The schedule is 8d for the first pound, and 6d for every additional pound."

AUSTRIA.—A new Red Cross reply card, for the correspondence of the prisoners of war, has just been issued, according to Mr. Schachne.

Military Post Card.

No value. Brick red and black on buff.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A. C. Roessler informs us that the special War provisional was put on sale July 29. Only the 5c is on sale at this time, but all values will be put out as soon as stocks now on hand are used. The stamps are the ordinary King George issue, with a peculiar sort of a purple overprint, somewhat like that used on safety paper as employed on checks, etc.

CANADA.—Gladstone Perry writes: "Referring to your issue of the 31st July, re Canada, Post Cards.

You quote:

2c carmine and buff, for public, bi-lingual, good die.
2c carmine and buff for Railroads, poor die.

I have copies as follows:

2c carmine and buff, for public, good die, without bi-lingual.
2c carmine and buff, for public, poor die, without bi-lingual.

It remains for someone to turn up a copy of the 2c bi-lingual for public, poor die, if such exists.

CUBA.—Jacques Krebs has shown us the 2c map stamp in a new color.

Adhesive.

2c vermilion red.

HONDURAS.—George d'Hemecourt reports newspaper mail from Honduras franked with the current 2c carmine stamp surcharged "Official—\$0.01", in black. Mr. d'Hemecourt has a pair with the new value printed "\$0.10" on one of the stamps.

Provisional Official Adhesive.

"0.01" on 2c carmine.

NORTHWEST PACIFIC ISLANDS.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us a full set of the Australian stamps overprinted, "N.W. Pacific Islands". The 1d and 2½d values were originally prepared and sent out with Colonel Pethebridge when that officer left Sydney in November last to take up his duties as Administrator of the North-West Pacific Islands. The London Telegraph described the two stamps on information received at the time, but the colonel's destination and duties were subsequently changed and he

went to Rabaul, New Britain, and these stamps, although earmarked for the "North-West Pacific Islands", were actually issued in New Britain, to which the designation North-West Pacific does not strictly apply. The stamps are only available for use in the islands recently occupied by the Australian troops, and for no others, and these do not include any of the islands above the equator except Nauru. Apparently the set of stamps just received is a later printing than the one previously reported in The Daily Telegraph, and it includes additional values, so there are the following war stamps to be noted for "New Britain", although marked "N.W. Pacific Islands":

First Issue.

1d green, King George.
2½d indigo, Kangaroo.

Second Issue.

3d green, King George.
1d carmine, King George.
2d grey, Kangaroo.
2½d indigo, Kangaroo.
3d pale olive, Kangaroo.
4d yellow, King George.
5d chestnut, King George.
6d ultramarine, Kangaroo.
9d violet, Kangaroo.
1s green, Kangaroo.

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us the current 10c carmine rose and red stamp, surcharged Red Cross and "5c" like the other colonies.

Red Cross Adhesive.

10x5c carmine rose and red.

SAMOA.—Mr. Schachne has shown us the current New Zealand letter cards surcharged "SAMOA" in blue.

Letter Card.

1d dark blue and red on light blue.

TOGO.—Philip H. Ward, Jr., reports having just received the "Togo" on Gold Coast 3d with yellow back. Have not seen this mentioned before—previous listings showing the white back only. Have also obtained a copy of the ½d, same set, on a much thinner, almost transparent paper. The comparison is strong when placed side by side with the regular stamp.

Ewen's Weekly says: The West African mail arriving in London on the 12th inst., brought a small supply of the 3d purple on yellow paper dyed throughout. Curiously, all the sheets had the third stamp of bottom row of each left and right pane neatly abstracted without damage to the margin. The overprint is the same as used for the other values and was no doubt applied at the same period, the stock of the 3d tinted having become absorbed before the required quantity of this denomination was attained.

Georgian Series. Provisional Overprint.
3d purple on yellow.

The question will be what is the 3d tinted variety worth. Many thousands of collectors will want to acquire and most will have to go without. The errors small "G" in "TOGO" and small "F" in "FRENCH" are certainly worth a great deal more than the quotations that have been made during the past three weeks, and those who have availed themselves of the opportunity to secure are indeed fortunate.

For obvious reasons, may not the 3d on dyed yellow paper with this small overprint also prove a good stamp? Speculation is rife. Will "TOGOLAND" or "GOLD COAST & TOGOLAND" be instated as the title for the territory, and appear on the next issue? The coming season will probably bring an added and still greater interest in the West African group.

URUGUAY.—Ewen's Weekly notes another lithographed stamp in the current set.

Adhesive.

20c dark lilac brown.

VENEZUELA.—The first of a new series of stamps has been shown us by Jacques Krebs and Elliott Perry. The design is in the American Bank Note Co.'s familiar style, but the portrait is an enlarged and abbreviated copy of the Bolivar portrait on the 1914 issue. The inscriptions read "Correos—E. E. U. de Venezuela" at the top, and the value at the bottom, with

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Leeward 3d white back 1.60
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Adhesive.

50c deep purple.

ZANZIBAR.—Mr. Schachne has received the new series of postal cards, bearing the impressed stamps of the 1913 issue.

Post Cards.

3c green on buff.
6c carmine on buff.
3x3c green on buff.
6x6c carmine on buff.

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As he trudges along with his pack,
Or you'd think that old Santa had come down too soon
With his presents all piled on his back.
They can still load him down to the very last straw,
Like an Orient-bound caravan,
Yet he never complains, but he smiles through it all,
Does the good-natured parcel post man.

There are parrots and dogs and a few sample bricks,
A baby, a venison roast,
A dozen cut roses, a limburger cheese,
All sent C. O. D., parcels post,
A ham and a hatbox, a live rattle-snake,
A pudding, a sixteen-inch fan—
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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM COLLECTION.

(W. L. McAtee has very kindly sent us the report of the National Museum for 1914 and in it we find an official statement in regard to the Museum stamp collection that we deem best to reprint in the WEEKLY. We feel sure that it will be read with interest.—Ed.)

At the beginning of 1908 the subject of postage stamps was illustrated in the Museum by only a small miscellaneous collection of domestic and foreign issues numbering about 2,500 pieces, and it is interesting to note that the principal contributor had been Mrs. Spencer F. Baird. In the year named, however, through the munificence of Mr. David Cromwell, of New York, the Museum received an exceptionally fine series of about 20,000 specimens representing the United States and nearly all foreign countries. These stamps were almost without exception well preserved, uncanceled copies, which had been assembled by the collector with much care and at great pains, and were therefore especially suitable for public exhibition. Though lacking in many important particulars, this collection was installed as a unit in a series of cases designed for the display of manuscripts but well adapted to this purpose, which are located in the smaller hall of history, as already explained.

In 1912 the Museum obtained by transfer the more essential parts of the large exhibition of the Post Office Department, comprising as its most valuable and important feature the stamps, stamped envelopes, and postal cards of all the nations of the world, to the number of nearly 200,000, and since then there has been a constant accretion from the same source. The original collection consisted primarily of a large cabinet with sliding frames, in which the main series of stamps had been installed, including those printed for the United States by private firms from 1847, the date of the first Government issue, until 1894, when the work was taken up by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the subsequent issues from this bureau; the foreign stamps received through the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland, and a number of early United States stamps specially purchased. Nearly all of these series, however, were in-

complete. The remainder of the collection was composed of sheets of stamps, envelopes, and postal cards mounted on swinging screens for various American expositions; many separate sheets of stamps and individual specimens; and several albums of stamps and of die proofs of United States stamps.

The preliminary work of putting this collection in shape, consisting in the systematic arrangement of the material by countries and dates of issue, having been completed in the early part of last year, the problem of preparing an appropriate exhibition was then taken up. It was decided to limit the display in the beginning almost exclusively to stamps, and, drawing first upon the resources of the collection from the Post Office Department, to leave spaces during the mounting for the desiderata which would be supplied as opportunities offered.

There have been many methods of exhibiting postage stamps, but it is believed that the scheme here adopted is an improvement over any other, especially in the matter of details. The principle is the same as that followed by the British Museum and is exemplified in the former cabinet of the Post Office Department, namely, a series of vertical sliding frames in which the specimens are mounted. The cabinet that has been built and in which the installation is in progress, though already made accessible to the public, may be briefly described as follows: There are two cases, each 16 feet 2 inches long, 6 feet 7 inches high, and 2 feet 8 3/4 inches deep, constructed each in two sections for convenience in moving. They are made of mahogany with simple trimmings on the outside, but of white pine in the interior except as otherwise stated, and are placed facing each other on either side of the main passageway in the northwest court. The lower part of the cases is arranged for storage and provided with doors. The upper part, measuring 3 feet 2 1/4 inches from a counter shelf to the top of the cornice, contains the sliding frames, of which there are 148 in each case, or 296 in all, a number that may of course be at any time increased by adding to the case length.

The individual frames, made of cherry, measure 31 1/4 inches high by 29 3/4 inches deep on the outside, and 27 3/4 by 21 3/4 inches in the opening. The thickness of the frames is 1 3/16 inches, and when fully drawn out they are exposed to a depth of 23 3/8 inches, with an extension into the case of 6 1/4 inches, which provides the necessary leverage. Both sides are used and are glazed with English negative glass. The frames slide on cherry strips and the upper and lower rails of the former are grooved to within an inch of the front. In the lower groove are mortised four brass trunk rollers projecting one-eighth inch to raise the frame above the strips, but the upper groove contains only one such roller, placed about 1 inch from the back of the frame to prevent friction as the frame is started. On the front edge of each frame is a bronze-finished bar drawer pull, a label holder, and a numbered disk. The frames are doubly secured in the case by a hinged cornice at the top and a wooden flap at the bottom, which are fastened by locks at the ends. They are released for inspection by unlocking the flap, being stopped at the proper place by a square strip of wood attached at the top, and may be wholly removed by also throwing the cornice back on top of the case. Still other attachments give greater refinement to the mechanism of the case in several ways.

Summarizing the principal merits of these cases, especially with reference to their use by the public, it may be said that the frames run so smoothly that they are instinctively pushed back into place, which is an important matter as operating against an unlimited exposure of the stamps and their consequent more rapid fading; while, furthermore, the frames are all in a single row and center at a height of about 4 feet 10 inches above the floor, which places each mounting easily within the range of vi-

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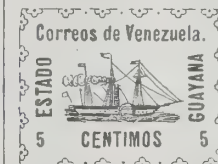
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The installation of the collection, instead of according with the usual stereotyped alphabetical arrangement throughout, agrees practically with that of the coins and medals, and therefore begins with the United States, followed by the foreign nations in alphabetical order, the stamps of the colonies being grouped together geographically under each respective mother country. It is ultimately proposed to add an alphabetical and numbered list of all the countries and colonies represented by means of which any particular set of stamps may be quickly located in the cases.

The total capacity of the 296 frames in the present cabinet is about 75,000 stamps. Approximately 20,000 had been mounted by the close of the year, and labels had been prepared for about 30,000 more. As regards the material on hand the work had been somewhat more than half completed, and the alphabetical arrangement of the stamps by countries had progressed to the letter N. Spaces have been reserved for all of the primary varieties lacking, which it is expected to procure from time to time. The collection is, therefore, by no means a complete unit, but to be considered as the nucleus of a greater and more perfect representation of the stamps of the world to be gradually rounded out. As at present constituted it is most important on account of its

size and wide representation, as well as for the period covered, commencing about the middle of the nineteenth century. It lacks especially the rare specimens of collectors and common varieties of certain periods, particularly of foreign issues. In general the mounting is of single stamps of each issue; but when necessary to serve a particular purpose they may be mounted in pairs, strips, blocks, or sheets. A selected series of the stamped envelopes of the United States follows the stamps of that country, but otherwise no provision has yet been made for the exhibition of postal cards and envelopes. In addition to the exhibition series which is expected to be the most complete, a reserve series will also be maintained for the use of special students of the subject.

The collection of United States stamps from the Post Office Department is an especially valuable one, all of the regular Government issues during the nineteenth century being represented as to types except the 1, 5, and 12-cent stamps of August, 1861, the other desiderata consisting in the lack of a number of scarce shades and special printings. The issues of the present century for the United States, the Philippine Islands, and the Canal Zone lack only a few shades which are not rare and can readily be secured. The representation of foreign stamps, however, is far less complete, and includes not a single one of the many great rarities of the nineteenth century. Though numerous gaps occur in the series of the twentieth century, they can mostly be filled without trouble and through the medium of exchange.

In the United States series, the installation of which has been completed, occur the following rare stamps, mainly unused copies and all in fine condition, namely, the 1-cent (type 1), 5-cent in dark brown and red brown and 24-cent of the issue of 1851; the 5-cent (type 1), in brick red and red brown, of the issue of 1857; the 3-cent rose, 3-cent carmine, 10 and 24-cent, and the 90-cent imperforate of the issue of August, 1861; the 3-cent scarlet, 5-cent buff, 5-cent olive buff, and 24-cent steel blue of the issue of 1862-1866; the 15 and 30-cent of the issue of 1869, with inverted medallions, the latter being one of the three great rarities in the issues of this Government; and a 12-cent, grided, of the issue of 1870. The set of reprints of various issues made by the Government in 1875 for the Centennial Exhibition of 1876 is complete, with the exception of the 1, 3, 6 and 12-cent of 1871 and the 2 and 5-cent of 1875. The collection also contains the 2, 7, 12 and 24-cent stamps, special printing of 1880; the 2 and 4-cent, special printing of 1883; the complete issue of 1890, 1 to 90 cents, in imperforate blocks of four; a complete sheet of the 2-cent Columbian issue, 1893, imperforate, signed and attested by J. Macdonough, president of the American Bank Note Co., and A. D. Hazen, Third Assistant Postmaster General, as the first Columbian stamps printed; the 6 and 8-cent stamps of the issue of 1895 printed in error on revenue paper; the 1, 2, and 4-cent inverted medallions of the issue of 1901, the 2-cent being the greatest rarity in the United States series of this century; a complete set, 1 to 15 cents, of the issue of 1908 on bluish rag paper; a complete set of the postage due, special printing of 1880, except the 1-cent denomination; a complete set of the issue of 1893, special printing imperforate blocks of four; a copy of the \$5 stamp of the State Department; a set of newspaper stamps, 2 to 96 cents, special printing of 1875; a complete set, 1 to 60 cents, in imperforate blocks of four, of the special printing of 1893; and a complete set of the issue of 1894, bureau printing of the American Bank Note design, 1 cent to \$6.

The Museum has been fortunate in securing for the classification and installation of its stamp collection the services of the experienced philatelist, Mr. Joseph D. Leavy, to whom credit is due for its present excellent condition.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

"UNTO THIS LAST."

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The Arizona summer with its heat had passed and the coming winter had begun to call the tourist from the East. The snow-clad peaks of Superstition range and the Matatzals reached heavenward in forlorn visibility. I felt desolate as they, for my friend, Frevor Moore, had gone into the hills during what we called Autumn to stay until Spring. With him had gone a gadding tourist of an Englishman, one of those gentlemen to whom everything is strange and some things worth inquiring about. It was an axiom at Willow to save your lies for natives, and tell strangers the truth. That is why I steered clear of the Briton. I'd have to lie to him if he was receptive, although it would be merely passing on the local items retailed to me by cow-puncher or sheep-herder. So I hid out, and saw Moore depart for the hills with him in tow.

"Mr. Moore was looking for you," said the red-headed girl in the post office when I collected four days' mail an hour after the cavalcade was out of sight. "He wanted you to meet his friend, Algeron Prince."

"Ha! Prince, eh? Ha!" I replied, somewhat testily.

"Cheer up! You won't be bothered till Spring," said the girl, hopefully. "Too bad it's so short a time."

That was the straw. The red-headed girl saw I was splashed and so she let it soak in.

After this little exchange of amenities, she was most kind and forgiving. I felt this intuitively; for she went so far as to show me His picture—a nice gentle cow-puncher who worked up at Moore's ranch. I knew and liked him. Well, I "holed up" until the snow melted, the winter floods passed, and the green showed on the mountains.

Then it was, that, one day Moore came into the postoffice with his quick soft step, grasped my hand warmly, and burst out:

"Heard the news? Madero dead—murdered—and I'm afraid for Juan—sore afraid he's gone out, too. I'm down here to get word."

There were letters galore, but not the letter.

"No news is bad news," declared Moore. "But I want you to come up to the ranch with me and meet my friend, Prince," he continued.

"Ha!" ejaculated the red-haired girl, and then busied herself amongst the letters. I shrunk properly. That stab from her was entirely unnecessary.

"Glad—er—glad to go!" I replied; and I was. So we rode forth into the mountains.

At the ranchhouse I was introduced to Algeron Prince, of London. He knew his Lamb and his Coleridge and his Keats, and I cursed my stupidity and boorishness. Better than that, to me, just then, he knew stamps, as none besides, while of the ways of the forger and the faker he was as familiar as with an open book. It was glorious! And I'd missed it all these months!

"Show him your collection of rarities," suggested Moore, as he puffed at his pipe.

Prince went over to Moore's trunk, and pulled forth a small black volume. "In mourning," he laughingly declared as he passed it over to me.

I opened the book at the first page. The sight took my breath. Hawaii! Missionaries! Eight of them! There was a sight for the gods! I gloated and gloated; for these were the first of those famous stamps I had ever seen.

"And every one a gem,—if only they were perfect," added Prince, sadly.

I looked again. Then I took the book into a better light. My eyes, schooled as they were to search for skilful repairs, with difficulty discerned the work of an artist in every stamp.

"Blanque! As I'm a sinner!" burst from my lips.

"Yes, the greatest of them all," said Prince. "There are just 229 stamps in

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Prince slowly filled a pipe as I looked through the volume, noting the world's greatest rarities made to look as good as the best. But always I recurred to the Missionaries.

"Blanque was a character, and the soul of integrity, too," said Moore. "I knew him fairly well the last two years of his life. Don't you remember, Prince, how I asked him once to alter a common variety into a rarity? I wanted to use it as a joke when I went back to London. I can see now, how the old man's hand trembled as he took from his stock-book a copy of this rarity, and handed it to me. 'Yours,' he said. I tried to explain. The old man waved me off, and went into the rear room, closing the door. My eye! I was in a stew until you dropped in and I explained. Then I went to my pension until you came for me."

"I have that stamp yet. And the memory, too, of an insulted and hurt old man. He was apology personified, I remember, when you fetched me across Paris to him. But I never forgot it,—nor did he."

As we sat there, looking across the mesa suddenly the rhythmic sound of hoof-beats came on the breeze from far-away but beating nearer.

Moore dropped his pipe and sprang to the open door. We crowded the narrow entry into the open.

A solitary horseman, mounted upon a sorry animal, was close upon us. He was an Indian, and rode as if he had come a long distance. He was on the verge of falling as we caught him, swaying in the saddle. Moore helped the man indoors, and gave him water. He thanked us gravely, and then, looking intently at Moore, spoke slowly in perfect English:

"Senor, he is dead. He sent me to tell you. I—I follow quickly."

That was all in English. Then in his adoptive Spanish, he poured forth his soul of love and affectionate remembrance. He was the last of his tribe,—the last of the house where he had served three generations. Huerta's men had trapped his master to his death with Madero that bloody day. José knew the end long before it came. His people were not ready,—the reforms were in advance of their time. And so that was the end; that was Fate.

That night the old man, too, slept into the Silence. We buried him at dawn, where the sun shone first upon the hilltop, and the evening sun last at night. "Faithful to the End," we carved upon his headboard.

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—Clippings acknowledged with thanks from M. J. Fenster, F. G. Burwick, Paul Matthias, Milton P. Lyons, Jr., Hillard Dusing and F. C. DePuy (3).

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By R. E. R. DALWICK.

III. Third Issue (Jan. 1st, 1872).

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His Highness the Khedive has been pleased to approve of the issue of new postage stamps of seven different values, viz., 5, 10, and 20 paras, and 1, 2, 2½ and 5 piastres.

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A copy of this notice, together with specimens of the new stamps, will be exhibited during the whole of the above period at every post office.

The Director-General,
MUZZI BEY.

ALEXANDRIA, December 19th, 1871.

The general features of the design may be described as similar to the last issue with the Sphinx more to the left and the pyramid more to the right. The stamps of this issue are no credit to anyone connected with their production.

The inscription in top label reads, "Poste Khedevie Masrie"; in the bottom POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE, and the Arabic equivalents of the face value are the same as the last issue with the addition of "Ghersheen e nuss", the rendering of 2½ piastres.

It will be seen that the title of Khedive (Khedivate) is prominent in



the design: the bottom label translated reading the same as the top.

The stamps of this issue were surface-printed in sheets of 200 (20 x 10). The first plate made was the 1 piastre value.

The plates for the other values were then made by reproduction of the central portion and upper and lower rectangular labels of the 1 piastre. The rectangular labels at the sides including the corner figures and a corresponding portion of the top and bottom lines of the frame were made separately and inserted afterwards. The fitting was usually defective, so that white lines of varying degrees of thickness (due to bad fitting) are often seen.

The stamps are watermarked with a crescent and a five-rayed star.

This issue contains a new value—2½ piastres. It is not quite clear whether there was any real necessity for this additional denomination, but it is quite clear that the demand was not great, for there was a large stock on hand in 1879.

The emission under discussion forms a most fascinating study, not the least interesting item being the two printings.

The first printing was the work of M. V. Penasson at Alexandria (1872), while the second printing (1874) was executed by the Egyptian Government "Imprimerie Nationale" at Boulac near Cairo.

The following notes should prove adequate for the allocation of these stamps to their respective printings.

THE TWO PRINTINGS.

I.

Alexandria Printing. Jan. 1, 1872.

I. Perforated 13½ and 12½ x 13½.

II. Medium to thick opaque paper.

III. Plain undecorated margins with thick line of colour on top margin.
IV. Shading on Sphinx's ear clear and sharp.

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II.

Boulac Printing. Nov., 1874.

I. Perforated 12½ and 13½ x 12½.

II. Thinner paper (often semi-transparent).

III. Arabesque ornamentation round entire sheet on margins.

IV. Shading blurred.

VI. Watermark often found inverted in this printing.

Tête-bêches occur in this printing only.

The Alexandria printing are perforated 13½ or 12½ x 13½. The former was in use from 1872 to the end of 1873. The 12½ x 13½ machine was also in use in 1872, but was abandoned until 1874, when it was once more utilised.

Stamps of the 13½ gauge are decidedly rare in unused condition.

Upon the Government taking over the stamp printing at the end of 1874, a new machine gauging 12½ was employed. The 20 paras unused is a good stamp. Of the 13½ x 12½ series the 1 piastre is really rare in mint condition.

Two values of the Boulac printing are known with an error of perforation; that is to say, perforated 12½ x 13½—the gauge of the compound Alexandria prints. The impressions of the 2½ piastres are on thin paper and very blurred in appearance.

Both of these perforation errors are extremely scarce.

As already stated, the tête-bêche varieties occur only in the Boulac printing. Four values only are known which show these upside down varieties, viz., 10 paras, 1, 2 and 2½ piastres.

The tête-bêche varieties occupy the undermentioned positions in their respective sheets:

(i.) 10 Paras—Nine inverted clichés are known.

Row 4. Stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Row 6. Stamps Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Row 13. Stamp No. 5.

(ii.) 1 Piastre—It would appear that there were no less than four settings of this plate, as shown below:

C. Row 4. Stamp No. 8

Row 6. Stamp No. 8 } Same sheet.

Row 16. Stamp No. 2

A. Row 12. Stamp No. 4.

B. A. Twelve tête-bêche varieties scattered over one sheet.

Row 1. Stamps Nos. 1-10.

Row 12. Stamp No. 4.

Row 15. Stamp No. 1.

D. Nineteen (?) inverted clichés.

Row 1. Stamps Nos. 1-9.

Row 20. Stamps Nos. 191-200.

We are assuming that two tête-bêche blocks in a well-known collection are both from the same sheet in Setting D. If this is incorrect, then one of the items under Setting D should come under the heading E.

(iv.) 2 Piastres—Row 1. Stamp No. 8.

(v.) 2½ Piastres—Row 16. Stamp No. 4.

Tête-bêche pairs of the last two denominations are scarce.

It is held in certain quarters that flaws and dots to be found on the stamps of this issue are definite varieties which are constant. There may be one or two constant minor varieties, but the general workmanship of this series is so bad that it is practically impossible to distinguish between genuine varieties (if such exist) and "varieties" caused by bad printing, over inking of the plate, etc.

A nice range of shades exist, the 1 piastre being the most prolific. We have seen odd copies of the 2½ piastres in a curious dull green colour—presumably changelings.

Once again the unofficial split stamp

cropped up, and as before many copies passed through the post, including the 20 paras and 1 piastre.

In April, 1875, a new printing of the 5 paras denomination was made by the Government at Boulac, and this printing brought forth one of the most curious errors recorded in the annals of philately—curious from the fact that every stamp comprising the sheet of 200 is an error!

The origin of this error was that the Government officials made up the composite die with the rectangular labels at the sides interchanged owing to their ignorance of the European letters and figures. To make matters worse the forme was made up without any care whatever so that a large quantity of tête bêche pairs and blocks cropped into the sheet.

The sheet is composed as follows: (1) Rectangular side frames upright and head (central portion) inverted; (2) Rectangular side frames inverted, center upright.

1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Stamps of this issue and also various values of the 1879 De la Rue issue are sometimes seen bearing the words "Dopo la Partenza" overprinted in black, red or blue.

The cancellation on the specimens we have seen is of a large circular type and is inscribed "Poste K. E. Direzione Locale Cairo."

IV. The 1879 Provisionals.

On January 1, 1879, the old violet 2½ piastre stamps were put into circulation with surcharge of "5" and "10 paras" denominations. The surcharges were



applied in black. This was done in order to utilise the remainder of 2½ piastre stamps on hand and also to be prepared for the great New Year's post which requires almost entirely 5 and 10 paras denominations. A bold figure of value ("5" or "10") with PARAS reading upwards on the left and the usual Arabic inscription "HAMS PARAT" 5 paras and "ASHRAN PARAT" 10 paras, on the right composed the surcharge.

The quantity of the two provisionals surcharged was 1,700 sheets—that is 340,000 stamps. It is probable that the number was equally divided for each provisional, as there is no difference in the relative scarcity of either value. Each sheet contained one tête bêche stamp so that the surcharge appeared inverted on this particular specimen. Tête-bêche pairs of these provisionals are scarce.

The surcharge was applied inverted by mistake to some sheets and in this

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case the tête bêche variety shows the normal surcharge.

The lists give the dates of these provisionals as Jan. 1, 1879. A fellow specialist has a copy dated Dec., 1878, so it would seem that the last days of Dec., 1878 saw the issue of these New Year emergency provisionals. Both provisionals were on sale in Cairo and Alexandria, although we do not believe that they were exclusively on sale in these towns only.

Misplaced surcharge varieties are fairly common and no particular care seems to have been taken in putting the sheets through the press.

IV. De la Rue 1879-84 Issues.

A marked improvement in the general workmanship of Egypt's stamps is to be noted from April 1, 1879, when the printing contract with Messrs. De la Rue & Co., of London, came into force.

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The new issue will consist of the following postage stamps:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 paras, colour, brown. | 10 paras, green. |
| 10 — — — light violet. | 5 piastres, grey. |
| 20 — — — blue. | 20 paras, rose. |
| 1 piastre — — — rose. | |
| 2 — — — orange. | |
| 5 — — — green. | |

ALEXANDRIA, 20th March, 1879.



The set duly appeared as announced. The Sphinx and pyramid form the central portion of the design. The upper tablet contains the French inscription "POSTES EGYPTIENNES", whilst on the left is the value in the same tongue. The bottom and right hand tablets enclose the Arabic "Posta Masrie" and the facial value expressed as upon the previous issue.

The stamps were surface-printed on medium wove paper similar to the "Crown C.C." although of course in this case the watermark was the crescent and star. The sheets comprised 120 stamps in two panes of 60 each with control number (2) in each of the four corners.

The 10 Paras of 1881 and 1882.

In January, 1881, the 10 paras appeared in a new tint—lilac rose in place of the old mauve.

On January 25th of the following year the same value was issued in a bluish-grey colour.

The 1884 Provisional.

February 1, 1884, saw the introduction of the 20 paras on 5 piastres. Either there was a very large demand for this value, or else it was thought expedient to use up the surplus stock of the 5 piastre value pending probable postal changes.



4,000 sheets (480,000 stamps) were surcharged at the Government Printing Office, Cairo, of which number 12 sheets bore the surcharge inverted.

We are inclined to think that more than 12 sheets were printed with the inverted surcharge, as this error is in reality quite common. A nice block with the normal surcharge appears to be rarer than a block with the inverted!

The latter varieties were bought by an official, who resold them to the trade used or unused.

V. Change of Colours—1884.

In Dec., 1884, a change of colours was resorted to—heralded by the usual post-office proclamation.

DECREE.

The General Post Direction has the honour to inform the public that the Administration is just issuing new postage

stamps of 10 and 20 paras and of 1 and 5 piastres, of the following colours:—

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| 1 piastre, blue. | 10 paras, green. |
| 5 piastres, grey. | 20 paras, rose. |

This new issue will come into circulation on the 15th of next December.

The stamps of similar values now in circulation may be employed singly, or in conjunction with the new ones, for the payment of postage until the 1st of December, 1885. After that date they will be obsolete, and no longer accepted in the Egyptian post-offices.

The stamps of similar value now in will be the same as those actually in use. ALEXANDRIA, 20th November, 1884.

As the stamps are the same in design, perf. and wmk. as the last issue, there is nothing much to be said.

It is worth noting that the 10 and 20 paras and 1 piastre are printed in the colours conforming to the Universal Postal Union. Egypt joined the U.P.U. on July 1, 1875 (Class III.).

VI. The New Currency Issue of Jan. 1, 1888.

This new series of stamps was required by the adoption of a new monetary system.

The official proclamation of Dec. 21st, 1887, tells us:

DECREE.

From the 1st of January next the present stamps of 5 and 10 paras will be replaced by new stamps of 1 and 2 milliemes. In consequence all stamps of 5 and 10 paras will be replaced by such of 1 and 2 milliemes in all post offices.

None of these new stamps have to be sold before the first day of the year, and no more 5 and 10 paras stamps must be sold from the same date. All the remainders in stock at this date must be returned to the General Post Office, and full credit will be given to each office.

A new stamp of 5 milliemes will also be put in circulation at the beginning of the year to replace the 20 paras stamps. As, however, a considerable stock of the 20 para stamps is still at the different post offices, the new stamps will not be supplied until the stocks are used up. Later on instructions will be given to the different post offices concerning the time the present stamps can still be used. ALEXANDRIA, 21st December, 1887.

Exactly a week later a Post Office Notice followed:

From and after 1st January next will be issued—1st. Postage stamps of 2 milliemes and 1 millieme respectively, replacing the current stamps of 10 paras and 5 paras. 2d. Stamped envelopes.

The postage stamps of 5 paras and 10 paras will cease to be sold from the 1st January, but will continue to be accepted alone or with the new issue for the franking of correspondence up to the 30th June, 1888. After this date they will not be allowed to circulate, but may be exchanged for other stamps at the chief office up to the 31st December, 1888. After this they will not be accepted in any circumstances.

The new stamps were printed from new plates, although the main features of the previous issue were embodied in these designs. Thus the new 1 mil. is very like the old 5 paras, the 2 mils. is similar to the 10 paras, and the 5 mils. is like the 20 paras.

At first sight the central portion of the design appears to be the same as before. There is, however, one very noticeable difference. The head decoration of the Sphinx now runs down to the enclosing oval, whereas in the previous emissions this decoration stopped short of the oval.

The 1 and 2 mil. stamps were the first to be issued and they appeared on Jan-

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uary 1, 1888, being followed by the 5 mils. in March and the new 10 piastres on January 1, 1889.

A decree dated Alexandria, 21st Mar., 1888, stated:

On and after the 1st May the sale of the stamps of 20 paras by the post offices shall cease, although they may continue available for postal purposes up to the 31st October next.

In order to avoid any confusion over the new currency, the post office issued a printed list of postal rates:

- For letters circulating from one office to another, for every 15 grammes 10m [milliemes].
- For the same posted and distributed within the same circuit, 5m.
- For single post-cards, 5m; for double 5m on each part of the card.
- For journals and periodicals under 150 grammes, 1m.
- For printed matter and patterns circulating from one office to another, under 50 grammes, 2m.
- For the same posted and distributed within the same circuit, 1m.
- As fixed charge for registration, 10m.
- For every acknowledgment of receipt of a registered packet, 10m.

ALEXANDRIA, 21st December, 1887.

The Reductions of 1890.

DECREE.

- The rate of letters within Egypt will be reduced to 5 milliemes in case of franked letters, and double in the contrary case for every letter and for every 15 grammes or part thereof.
- The present decree will come into force on 1st March, 1890.
- Our Chancellor of the Exchequer will be charged with the execution of this decree.

(Signed) MEHEMET TEWFIK.
 CAIRO, January 25th, 1890.

Foreign postage still remained at 1 piastre.

(To be continued.)

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EDITORIAL.

Scores High.—The large attendance at the convention of the Southern Philatelic Society at Reading was an element that contributed greatly to the success of the meeting. The delegates came from as far west as Nebraska, as far north as Minnesota, and as far south as Florida, while the representation from the home state was a strong one. The numerical showing was due to a combination of causes; the active interest manifested by members in the workings of their society and a desire to recognize the loyalty and hospitality of the Reading leaders. An underlying factor lay in the decision of a number of members not to attend the A. P. S. convention because of its distance and enjoy the meeting nearer at hand. The presence of many experienced philatelists, among others, afforded a basis for the accomplishment of work that redounded to the benefit of the association and philately as well. The volume of intelligent newspaper publicity gained through the convention alone was of incalculable good and the perfecting of the workings of the somewhat intricate internal machinery of the organization certified the proceedings as of sterling results. Reading's first convention amply verified the most sanguine expectations and firmly fixes the fair fame of the progressive city.

Among Other Things.—The reports of the officers and committees reflected a year of efficient conduct of the S. P. A. and the growth of the body was marked. There was a brisk fight for next year's convention seat and it may be said that the selection of Washington in a sense was a compliment to Mr. Gorham who, as chairman of the recruiting committee proposed over fifty members during the year. No change was made in the official journal and except in one instance, there was little competition in the election. While the convention was a harmonious one yet the members did not hesitate to express themselves freely and pointedly and their remarks loaned a piquancy to the proceedings as there were an unusual number of forceful

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speakers present. The report of the committee on constitution evoked much discussion and the changes that were made were carefully considered. The constitution of the S. P. A. is a codification that well repays examination and as the necessary revisions and additions are made to it, an admirable instrument will result. While the Southern Philatelic Association has a distinctive place in that it addresses itself to the younger or medium collector, yet it has shown that it is not without its appeal to the most practiced of philatelists. Its age and its present position are its passports to full recognition; and in years and in influence it has attained its majority.

Gushful.—Of the social diversions that were so large a part of the convention, one cannot speak without enthusiasm. The beautiful natural setting of the city was a pleasure to behold and full advantage was taken of the physical attractions as a background for the entertainment of visitors. The hospitality of the Reading contingent was unbounded and the comfort of the delegates was a first consideration. As the pleasures of the three days were unfolded the impressions of the delegates resolved themselves into the conviction that never before had a philatelic convention been so royally entertained. For a city of its philatelic population, Reading outdid itself and one may realize the work of preparation to ensure the happy issue that was performed by comparatively few of the stalwart philatelists of Reading, a city just comfortably over the hundred thousand mark in population. The lesson of Reading is one worth pondering. The city is just large enough to supply all of the conveniences of a metropolis, but is yet small enough not to regard a convention with jaded eyes. It would seem that a convention seat of about this size, in many respects is the most satisfactory one but how few cities of the kind have philatelists who can match the activity and influence of those of Reading.

Grand Opening.—One of the events that was not on the program was the reception given to the visitors by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kissinger at their home, on the evening before the opening day of the convention. The guests crowded the spacious rooms where entertainment dear to the heart of the philatelist was dispensed. In this cheerful atmosphere, acquaintances were rapidly made and the host and hostess may know that their house party was one of gaiety unalloyed. For philatelic entertainment the superb collection of Dr. Hetrich of Birdsboro, Pa., comprised of U. S. revenues including the private proprietary issues, was on view and engaged admiring attention. Parts of the collections of Mr. Kissinger were at hand and were examined with interest. The surroundings were perfect for an evening of rare philatelic sociability and the introduction to the pleasures of the week was indeed felicitous. The memories of the occasion will linger in the minds of the visitors and kindly thought for Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger will long endure. This foretaste of the pleasures of the succeeding days served to bring the delegates in close communion and to accentuate their hearty participation in the subsequent social features.

Stamps Were Present.—The different members had many stamps to show and while there was little time for "bourse" transactions between the demands of the convention and the excursions, yet the meeting had a stamp leaven that was appreciated by the "traders." The display of U. S. and Confederate was

good. Conventions should make allowance for a trading session as the visitors are apt to bring a few choice stamps with them and wish in many cases to "buy, sell and exchange." It is considered a privilege by the visitors from the smaller towns to have the opportunity to have a genuine stamp session with kindred spirits and provision should be made to meet this natural inclination.

Coast Convention.—The convention of the American Philatelic Society at San Francisco was the feature of the week and our report will be found in this issue. Those who traveled far to participate in this classic event surely were amply repaid for their journey and the hospitality of the coast entertainers must have been a source of great pleasure.

Behind Schedule.—A summary of the convention proceedings of the Southern Philatelic Society will have to await the next issue as our eastern trip has been changed by unavoidable circumstances from the original plan. However, the routine has now been resumed after an outing of over two weeks. Our general observation has been that philatelic interest is running high and that stamps still reign supreme. The distractions of the day do not seriously disturb stamp collecting and having withstood this acid test, philately is stronger than ever in our country.

CONTINENTAL SILK-FIBER PAPER.

By WM. L. STEVENSON.

Auction catalogues occasionally list for sale specimens of the 15c Continental (issue of 1873) on what is termed silk-fiber paper. Other values may have been listed but I have not seen them so noted.

I have examined several specimens so described and some of them certainly do show certain small fibers sprinkled throughout the paper. They are not surface fibers merely but generally distributed through the pulp. (I have also seen two specimens with gum that howed similar fibers in the gum only.)

That these are SILK fibers I do not know and have located no one who knows whether they are or not. They do not appear to be purely accidental but as if purposely mixed into the paper pulp. Are they silk fibers? Are they an intentional marking of paper especially for postage stamps or an unusual use of some unusual paper not specially for stamps? Is there any record of such a special paper?

Looking through my accumulated Continentals, I find the same paper used for the 1c, 2c vermilion, 3c, 5c, 6c, 10c, and 15c. I do not find it on the 30c or 90c. Also it does not appear in any of the 2c brown, 7c, or 12c. As these last three were dropped to date June 30, 1875, the paper seems to belong after that date. Their non-appearance on the two highest values may mean simply that the comparatively few printings of these values missed that particular paper.

Paper differences are quite numerous during this whole Continental period, 1873 to 1879, and it is entirely possible that this silk-fiber paper is a real experiment. At any rate, it is definitely and distinctly marked. When we come to listing paper variations, say in 1950, we will probably find this particular paper among those recognised by all. Look them up when you get time.

While the fibers are not strictly microscopic, and can be noted with good eyesight in some cases, a good glass is a requisite for certainty of determination. The best method I have found is to so hold the stamp, back up, that its lower surface is directly lighted while its top is indirectly lighted but the stamp

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is nearly in the plane of light. Thus the fibers all receive proper illumination and they can be seen well enough to count them if desirable. Look through the paper, not at the surface only. I have found no specimens that are marked with these fibers but with a few only. All seem fully marked with numerous fibers or not at all. As papers go, this one is worthy of a place in any list, whether we know all about it, or not. Any further information about it will be gratefully received.

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By WILLARD O. WYLLIE.

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But amidst the wreckage I could see a dogged determination to build a new San Francisco, so that out of the great calamity should rise a city greater and better than it had previously been and the fruit of this determination is plainly apparent to me as I have walked among the built-up section and noted the splendid buildings that have been built since my last visit.

We have met in what is called the Auditorium, one of a group of buildings in the heart of the city, known as the Civic Centre. It is a building splendid in its appointments and admirably fitted for the numerous conventions that are being held in the city.

The convention was presided over by H. B. Phillips and was called to order Aug. 10 at 10 A. M. Jas. A. Barr, director of exhibits for the exposition welcomed the convention to the city. More than a hundred members and friends were in attendance.

The report of President C. A. Coolidge was then presented. The general reviewed the work of the year in detail; covering not only the details of society administration but the more important philatelic developments.

The ballot for officers resulted in the election of C. A. Howes for president; H. H. Wilson, W. B. Sprague and Dr. Carroll Chase, vice presidents; W. E. Ault, secretary; C. F. Heyerman, treasurer; L. H. Kjellstedt, international secretary, and directors at-large, H. B. Phillips and W. H. Barnum.

In the afternoon there was a trolley excursion into Alameda county and in the evening an exhibition of stamps of various countries at the headquarters, Hotel Stewart.

Wednesday morning the secretary's report was presented as the first item of business. The membership of the A. P. S. is 1433 as against 1468 one year ago—a loss of 35 members. Mr. Ault reported thirteen deaths. There has been a gain of six branches.

The finances of the society outside of the general fund are in excellent condition. The various balances shown amount to nearly \$6200. The general fund has been overdrawn \$130.

The important item of business brought up at this session was the matter of re-incorporation under the federal law. It was voted that no action be taken in view of the expense and particularly as no special advantages or benefits would result.

The bay excursion in the afternoon was keenly enjoyed by all but a very few and these few soon forgot their "slight indispositions." For three hours we navigated the splendid bay tasting old ocean where the waters come in contact at the Golden Gate and getting a fine water view of the exposition. We ran close to six warships stationed near by and the entire afternoon was given over to a splendid "get-together" occasion.

A delightfully informal event was the banquet at the Cliff Hotel in the evening. Mr. Phillips acted as master of ceremonies. There were no set toasts and responses but jollity and good nature reigned supreme. Messrs. A. W. Batchelder, W. Parker Lyon and the writer all made remarks more or less appropriate for the occasion, but the

pleasing features were presentations of medals by the Pacific Philatelic Society to various collectors present, for their philatelic study and exhibits:—John T. Gribble, Honolulu; W. Parker Lyon, Pasadena; Fred E. Farnham, Chicago; Frank F. Barnes, Kalamazoo, Mich.; and John T. Jones, Santa Maria, Cal.

There were seventy-five present including ladies and the occasion will long be remembered by those who were privileged to attend.

Thursday, Aug. 12, the final session was held and many items of business were cleaned up including formal reports of various committees.

It was reported that a total of 394 proxies had been received but only a small part were properly stamped as required by law. No amendments to the by-laws could therefore be adopted, but none of great importance presented themselves.

Boston was placed in nomination for the 1916 session by A. W. Batchelder, and unanimously elected.

The committee on by-laws reported that several desirable amendments had been presented, but in the absence of necessary number of proxies to change the by-laws, all amendments were referred to the incoming board.

It was voted that the secretary be given full power to restore old numbers to reinstated members.

On recommendation of finance committee, it was voted to print pages 1 to 114 of the index; appropriate \$50 for the Index Committee and \$100 to the Philatelic Literature Committee.

The new journal of proceedings will be edited by Secretary Ault with the idea of eliminating all irrelevant matter.

At 2.30 o'clock P. M. in the California State Building occurred the exercises in connection with the A. P. S. "official day." A commemorative plaque was presented by a representative of the exposition and accepted by W. C. Michaels in behalf of the A. P. S. The entire convention program has been one of marked interest and the committee in charge is to be congratulated upon its success.

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The above clipping is kindly supplied us by C. F. Richards, while we are also favored with one by the J. M. Bartels Co. and Grant L. Paul. We are indebted to Gen. C. A. Coolidge for notice of the appearance of this stamp and he states that they bear Plate Nos. 7498 and 7499.

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—Clippings acknowledged with thanks from H. Kessler Smith, Jr., H. G. Burwick, Geo. Kump (3), Donald Martin, C. F. Richards, L. V. Smith, Grant L. Paul, E. J. Allen and J. M. Bartels Co.

—Sydney B. Jones submits an envelope bearing cancellation which advertises the Seventh Annual Convention of the Southern Commercial Congress to be held in Charleston, December 13-17, 1915. The die for this cancellation was received at Charleston Post Office the morning of August 7 and was immediately put in use, as this envelope indicates, and will be used to December 17, 1915.

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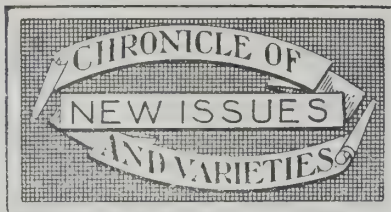
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UNITED STATES.—Supplementing the chronicle of U. S. envelopes which appeared in the issue of August 7th, J. M. Bartels submits the following as a list of new varieties seen:
Wmk. 19 (1915).

Denom.	Die	Var.	Size	Paper	Kn.
1c	D		13	White	89
2c	A		5	Amber	87
2c	B		5	White	87
2c	E		5	Blue	87
Wmk. 20 (1915).					
2c	A		5	White	87
2c	A		8	White	59
2c	A		9	White	61
2c	A		13	Blue	89
2c	B		5	White	87
2c	B		9	White	61
2c	E		5	White	87
2c	E		13	White	89
2c	E		13	Blue	89

Dr. W. H. Deaderick reports having found a copy of the current 1c green, perforated 10x12, precancelled, "Quincy, Ill.", and with perforated initials, M. D. Co."

DENMARK.—W. T. Wilson has shown us a new provisional from Denmark, the 12 ore of the type of 1876 et seq., having been surcharged "80 ore" in two lines in large black type. Mr. Wilson also reports that there is a provisional 80 ore surcharged on the Official 8 ore stamp. The new permanent 80 ore value was to have appeared early in August.

Provisional Adhesive.

"80 ore" on 12 ore slate and lake.

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke submits a specimen of the current 10c red brown lithographed stamp, overprinted "5 cent."

Provisional Adhesive.

"5 cent" on 10c red brown.

INDIA.—Gwalior.—W. T. Wilson has shown us the 2a King George stamp surcharged in two lines with the usual two lines in native characters for "service" use.

JAPAN.—Tadayasu Maki, writing from Nagoya, Japan, reports that stamps commemorative of the Coronation, which will occur this year, will be issued in two designs. There will also be picture cards and a special postmark has been authorized by the Department of Communications. The stamps will be of four denominations, 1 1/2s, 3s, 4s and 10s. The 1 1/2s and 4s will be in one design and the 3s and 10s in the other. Mr. Maki also encloses three special postmarks, similar to those with which he has favored us in the past. He expresses regret that philatelists in other countries have no interest in these commemorative postmarks, which are so popular in Japan.

Those submitted include one commemorative of the "Special Grand Military manoeuvres of 1914," used Nov. 19, 20 and 21, 1914, by the Post Office at Osaka; another commemorative of the "Opening of Tokio Railway Station, 1914," used Dec. 18, 19 and 20, 1914, by one of the Post Offices in Tokio; and a third commemorative of the "Sai Den," was used June 5, 6 and 7, by the Mutsumi Postoffice in Aich Prefecture.

MEXICO.—Roy S. Farley reports an issue of stamps for the Southern District of Lower California. They are the same design as the Villa Sonora "Stage Coach," except that the colors are different, and they are inscribed, "Distrito Sur de la Baja Cal. Mexico."

Adhesives.

2c yellow.

5c red.

10c gray.

SALVADOR.—Hermann Focke reports the first of a crudely printed official set for this country, of small size.

Official Adhesive.

2c yellow green.

UNITED STATES OFFICIAL SEALS.

By JOHN N. LUFF.

It is not the purpose of this article to present a general or elaborate review of the various seals employed in the work of the Post Office Department of this country. The principal object is to consider the typographed and lithographed seals and the reasons for the new arrangement of the list of them that appeared in the 1915 edition of the Scott catalogue. By way of introduction we may recall that the list of our official seals opens with three that are engraved. First, the green seal with the word "Registered" across the face; then two brown seals, one with a background made by the words "Post Obitem" in small letters, many times repeated, and the other with a background of lathe work. These three seals were issued in 1872, 1877 and 1879, in the order they are described. In 1888 another brown seal appeared which continued in use until 1907, with many changes of shade and color, as well as being imperforate, perforated and rouletted. This seal was much inferior in design and printing to its predecessors. When first issued it was over-inked and blurred. It had the appearance of a poor lithograph and many people termed it such; others said it was printed from a wood block and still others that it was typographed. These conflicting opinions were probably due to want of familiarity with various processes of printing and also to the conflicting statements about the seal in the philatelic press at or soon after the time it was issued.

The first chronicle that I find of the 1888 seal is in the *American Philatelist* for July 10, 1888, page 237, where I read: "Mr. A. Lohmeyer sends us a new official seal, which is a very poor copy of the old one. The imprint at the bottom is missing and the portrait in the center barely distinguishable. Official seal, dark brown."

The *Philatelic Journal of America* for July, 1888, page 215, says: "It is the same design as the old one now in use but very poorly printed."

The *American Journal of Philately* for August, 1888, page 290, in "Addenda to Stamp Catalogue" lists it as: "Lithographed. Perforated. 1888. Officially sealed, brown."

The *American Philatelist*, dated July 10th, 1889, publishes on page 300, a letter from Mr. C. F. Rothfuchs, who had interviewed the Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Third Assistant Postmaster General and other officials on the subject of the 1888 seal. He was informed "That they were printed from relief plates taken from a wood cut, and are not lithographed. The first lot received by the Post Office Department was unperforated, and all other lots received since then have been perforated."

In this statement about a "wood cut", we, doubtless, have the origin of the "wood engraving" seals which were listed in the catalogues and handbooks for some years. If we trouble to compare an engraved seal with one of the 1888 type we will see that the latter does not in any way suggest an engraving on wood and is so faithful a copy of the engraved seal that it must be the result of some photographic process. My idea is that Mr. Rothfuchs' informant either spoke hastily or was misunderstood. He very probably said "wood block" and meant a thin metal surface fastened to a backing of wood, just the sort of thing that makers of photo-engravings and electrotypes turn out to-day. Before going any further I wish to make one more quotation from the *American Philatelist*, Jan. 10, 1890, page 101: "A brief history of how the present type of these stamps came to be adopted may not be out of place. The two previous issues were finely engraved and comparatively costly. Being without an appropriation sufficient for their manufacture, the Department had the present wretched transfers made and printed at the Government printing office."

After the foregoing statements about the method of production it is not surprising that catalogues and writers were

somewhat confused and caused like uncertainty to the collectors who tried to follow them. From Tiffany's handbook on United States stamps I compile the following list:

- 1872 Engraved. Perf. 12. Green (Registered).
- 1877 Engraved. Perf. 12. Brown (Post Obitem).
- 1879 Engraved. Perf. 12. Brown.
- 1888 Wood Block. Perf. 12. Reddish Brown.
- 1888 Lithographed. Perf. 12. Brown.
- 1888 Lithographed. Rouletted. Brown.
- 1888 Lithographed. Imperf., Brown.
- No date. Typographed. Black on pink tinted paper.

Mr. Tiffany gives the four seals of 1888 as "on lavender tinted paper." No one else has ever been able to discover that the paper was anything but ordinary white. This is not important, but is merely mentioned to save any one who might read his book from starting a search for something that does not exist.

My file of the Scott Catalogue begins with the 51st edition, 1890-91, in which I find:

POST OFFICE SEAL STAMPS.

- 1872. Registered, green.
- 1877. Officially sealed, brown (Post Obitem).
- 1879. Officially sealed, brown. Lithographed.
- 1888. Officially sealed, brown. Wood Engraving.
- 1888. Officially sealed, brown. Typographed.
- 1889. Officially sealed, black on pink paper. Rouletted.
- 1889. Officially sealed, black on white.

The 53rd edition (1902-03) added another item under the heading "Rouletted": 1891. Officially sealed, brown, lithographed.

It will be noticed that in the foregoing list one seal is marked "Rouletted", but nothing is said about the others, which included perforate and imperforate varieties. An attempt was made to remedy this in 1895. After this date the list was subject to continual rearrangements, changes of dates and headings and the addition of imperforate and part-perforate varieties, shades and new colors as they appeared. In 1896 the heading "Wood Engraving" was changed to "Typographed", thus doing away with one error. At the same time the seals which had been called "Typographed" were designated as "Typeset", a more informative if not more accurate heading. In 1895 all lithographed seals were dropped from the list and did not reappear until 1904 when one of them was restored under the old date, "1888". In 1912 another lithographed group was added, the various colors being assigned to the dates "1891" and "1903".

I do not think there was ever an edition of the Catalogue (with the possible exception of the present one) in which the list of the official seals quite satisfied me. It is more than probable that some of the many changes in the list were due to efforts on my part to get things nearer right. For years I have bought new varieties of the seals as they came to my notice but I could not decide how they should be arranged and they remained unmounted until a few months ago. When I tried to get help from philatelic publications I found very little in them and the result seemed to be a case of the blind leading the blind. When I was writing my book on United States Postage Stamps I tried to learn something definite about the seals but found it almost impossible to get any information. I paid special attention to the question of lithographed seals. From the description and the colors there could not be much doubt that the early writers were referring to the chocolate brown seals when they wrote about lithographs. Those seals certainly did look lithographic on the face but when one examined their backs and saw raised marks indicating the edges of the clichés he knew they were not made by lithography. I consulted my friend, the late H. G. Mandel, expert of the American Bank Note Co., and he as-

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Soon after this, another lithographed seal turned up. It was printed in dark

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This order was given to the National Bank Note Company on January 21, 1864, and the stamps were delivered to the New York representative of the Hawaiian postal administration on April 2 of that year. The stamp was the 2 cents of 1864, the first perforated stamp issued in the Islands. It was chronicled in *Le Timbre Poste* for September, 1864, as having been issued in the preceding May. A second requisition for 100,000 of this stamp was sent on April 26, 1865, in company with the order for the first perforated 5 cents. The two orders were filled and the stamps delivered on August 31, 1865, but, as has previously been mentioned, the shipment appears to have gone astray or been delayed somewhere and did not reach the Islands until about April or May, 1866.

I should like to say here a few words concerning the dates of deliveries given in Mr. Giffard's work, which appear to have misled some writers. I have obtained evidence that, in a number of instances, the dates there given were the dates on which the manufacturers delivered the stamps to the agent of the Hawaiian Government in New York, and not the dates at which they reached Honolulu. I do not assert that this was always the case, but I would not be surprised if it were. Doubtless each delivery was accompanied by an invoice, and it is quite within the range of possibility that the dates given in the official records were taken from those invoices.

Again referring to Mr. Irwin's letter of June 24, 1864, to Mons. Moens we read: "The 2-cent stamp is the Island postage on letters, issued in 1859, previous to which time no postage was charged on Island correspondence. Since 1859 two or three different kinds of 2-cent stamps have been issued, but all of the same value and used for the same purpose. During the past month all the 2-cent stamps have been superseded by a new 2-cent stamp, just issued, samples of which I enclose." The enclosure was the 2-cent red of 1864.

In his letter of February 24, 1865, Mr. Irwin writes: "The 2-cent rose, old issue, are also becoming scarcer, and are at a premium." Later in his letter, speaking of the 1864 stamp, he says: "The new stamp, of course, superseded all other 2-cent stamps, and it is now the only 2-cent stamp in use."

In July, 1866, the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* printed an article describing the paper and watermarks used for the different issues of each country. It mentioned the Hawaiian 2-cent carmine and pale rose as being on laid paper, but evidently knew nothing of an issue on wove paper.

The reader will remember that in 1868 Mr. H. B. Phillips did not find any 2-cent stamp on sale in Hawaii except the stamps of the 1864 issue.

In October, 1869, *Le Timbre Poste* published the following significant paragraph: "The Bostonian Journal, *The Timbrophilist*, announces that a new 2-cent rose vermilion, with the effigy of Kamehameha V., is about to appear." I consider this to be our first intimation of the engraved 2 cents of the 1861 type, and it is from Boston, of all places, that we might expect the stamp to be first reported, since it has always been agreed that it was made there.

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In January, 1870, *Le Timbre Poste* announced: "The 2 cents, known on laid paper, has reached us in pale red and bright carmine on white wove paper." This was, of course, the engraved stamp printed on thin white wove paper, which has of late years been accepted as being regularly issued in 1869. Since 1871 Moens' catalogue has listed this impression as a reprint, and there does not seem to be any reason to question the correctness of this classification. It is worth noting that 330,000 copies of the 2 cents of 1864 were ordered and delivered in 1868, and 555,000 in 1869. There would not appear to be any occasion for a comparatively small printing of the obsolete 2-cent stamp, except for "specimen" purposes.

It has been thought by many that the first issue of this stamp was lithographed because there was urgent need of it and not sufficient time to make an engraved plate, but that, as soon as time permitted, the plate was made and held in readiness for future orders. But we know that there were at least two printings from the lithographic stone, which would scarcely have been the case had the plate been in existence. Major Evans' conclusion about the plate is probably correct. In the *Monthly Journal* for March, 1901, he says: "In 1867, the authorities of Hawaii discovered that it would be convenient to have a supply of their obsolete stamps on hand to send to foreign post offices which asked for them, and in that year, or in 1868, they wrote to Boston for a certain quantity of the 2 cents of 1855, and the 5 cents and 13 cents of 1853. The plates of the 5 cents and 13 cents were in existence, and supplies were at once printed off and sent to the Islands, copies reaching Europe in January or February, 1869. The stone of the 2 cents had been cleaned off, but the die was in existence, and from this a plate was now made, and the stamps despatched later; this would account for their reaching Europe at the end of 1869 instead of coming over with the first supply of the new printing of the 5 cents and 13 cents, as they most certainly would have done if they had been in existence when the others were sent."

The engraved stamps were printed on thin white wove paper, in sheets of fifteen, three rows of five stamps each. I have never heard of postally used copies. The majority of specimens had the overprint "CANCELLED". This was probably applied at the time the 1853 stamps were surcharged "SPECIMEN". The die was probably sent to Honolulu in company with the dies of the 1853 issue. Nothing is known of the fate of the lithographic stone or the engraved plate, but they are supposed to have been destroyed by order of the Hawaiian Post Office Department.

In 1885 the postal authorities decided to replenish their stock of specimens of obsolete issues. The stone and plate of the 1861 stamp had either been destroyed or their whereabouts were unknown. The die had been mislaid. So, on August 15, 1885, a sample stamp was sent to the American Bank Note Company, with an order to reproduce it. The order was filled, and a plate made for fifty stamps, five rows of 10, with the letters "A. B. N. Co." in monogram at each corner. From this plate 10,000 copies were printed, on stout, yellowish wove paper and delivered on December 8, 1885. By order of the Postmaster-General one-half of these stamps were overprinted "SPECIMEN" before delivery. Copies of this stamp are frequently seen with an obliteration of heavy concentric circles. It is believed that these were canceled "to oblige" and that the stamps were never intended or allowed to do postal duty.

The Facsimiles differ from the original stamps in many points, such as in the lines in the background of the portrait, the shading of the coat and the ornaments in the side panels. But the difference can be most readily seen in the words "ELUA KENETA." in the facsimile the cross-bar of the letters "A" is placed too low and the lower right arm of the "K" is too long.

In 1887 the missing die was found, but it was in bad condition. On December 16th of that year it was sent to the American Bank Note Company to be restored. It was recut and a new plate made in imitation of the first plate of fifteen stamps. On January 14, 1889, an order was sent to print 7,500 copies from this plate. These were delivered on September 6th of that year. On May 3, 1890, a further order for 30,000 copies was sent, which was filled on September 17th of the same year. Such of these stamps as were unsold on August 19, 1892, were overprinted "REPRINT." These stamps were printed on yellowish wove paper, watermarked "Standard No. 1" and a shield with the letters "R. & M." in monogram. The paper should serve to distinguish this reprint from the earlier one on thin white wove paper; but, if a further test be needed, it will be found on comparison that the foliate ornaments above "UKU LETA" have been recut and that there are three lines in the shading at the right of the nose, running from the eye to the upper lip, which do not appear on any other stamp of this type.

The dies and plates of the 1853 and 1861 issues, together with numerous other obsolete dies and plates, which were in the possession of the American Bank Note Company, were destroyed on March 27, 1894.

White Laid Paper.
1861—2c pale rose, rose, carmine-rose.

REPRINT.
Thin White Wove Paper.
1869—2c carmine-vermilion.

OFFICIAL IMITATION.
Stout Yellowish Wove Paper.
1885—2c orange-vermilion.

REPRINT FROM A RECUT DIE.
Yellowish Wove Paper.
1889—2c carmine.

As it was my purpose to write only of the earlier postal issues of Hawaii, this paper ends at this point. Beyond this date there are no problems for the philatelic student. The succeeding issues are, so to speak, of a neat and orderly nature. They were the work of the National Bank Note Company and the American Bank Note Company, fine specimens of engraving and printing, and presenting an interesting gallery of portraits of the Hawaiian royal family. The overthrow of the monarchy is marked by the stamps surcharged "Provisional—Govt.—1893." These were followed by the issues of the republic and now all have given place to the stamps of the United States.

THE LURIA CASE.

Four old canceled foreign stamps were made the basis yesterday for federal prosecution that Dr. Adolfo Luria of 3611 Lexington street characterizes as persecution.

Anthony. Telli, a stamp collector of Washington, D. C., caused Luria's arrest. He said the physician failed to pay him for an old Spanish stamp, Swiss stamp, French stamp and British stamp, the total value of which he estimated at \$162.30.

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Before turning attention to the bill of fare, Henry Ades Fowler, of Chicago, asked indulgence for a few remarks. He said that there was no doubt that the visitors deeply appreciated the manner in which they were being entertained by Mr. Kissinger and the other Reading "boys," and as a token of their esteem, he presented their host with a magnificent basket of cut flowers, having the initial "K" built up in the center of it. A waiter brought in the gift and placed it at the head of the table. Mr. Kissinger expressed his thanks.

The following menu was then served in real Berkshire style:

Spanish Olives and Radishes, (Pink and Green); Consomme en tasse, (Sur-charged); Celery, (Green on White); Filet of Sea Bass Saute Nicoise, (Water Marked); Pommes Chateau, Roast Stuffed Philadelphia Chicken, Giblet Sauce with Waffles, (Provincial); New Potatoes Rissolo (Officially Sealed); New String Beans, (General Issues); Lettuce Salad French Dressing, (Embossed); Chocolate Ice Cream, (Original Color); Assorted Cakes, (Special Packet); Cafe, (Dark Brown).

Mr. Kissinger acted as toastmaster and introduced as the first speaker one of his first friends in philately, Charles Esterly Severn, of Chicago. Mr. Severn said he first became acquainted with the host in Chicago during the World's Fair of 1893, "and even then I saw in him the elements of philatelic genius. The success and fame he has attained in the philatelic world have been due to hard work. While he likes stamps, he also likes their associations."

Mr. Kissinger next called upon his first Reading association in the stamp business, Harry F. Kantner, the well-known attorney. Mr. Kantner referred to those present as his "fellow sufferers," saying that they were all suffering from stamp fever. He discussed the symptoms of the disease in a humorous way, one of them being a mucilage coating on the tongue. He referred to stamp fever as very catching, estimating that there are about 8,000 now suffering with it in the United States, besides fully three times that many convalescents.

William R. Ricketts, of Wilkes-Barre; C. V. Webb, of Perry, O., secretary of the association; E. T. Wallis, of Indianapolis, and L. T. Brodstone, of Superior, Neb., were called on in turn and made happy addresses.

Lewis M. Lang, of Baltimore, Md., was introduced. He said that this was the first convention he has attended in twenty years. He paid a high tribute to Mr. Kissinger for what he has done to promote the business of collecting stamps.

L. H. Kjellstedt, of Scranton, international secretary of the association and American representative to the Swedish Philatelic Society, expressed hope for the greater expansion of the society.

J. E. Guest, of Minneapolis, referred to Mr. Kissinger as the right man in the right place. He said he hoped that the association would decide to hold next year's convention in Minneapolis, where there are 150 real collectors. However, since Washington wants it, he supposed he would have to give way and wait until the year following.

Other addresses were made by E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem; A. E. Gorham, of Washington; P. M. Wolsieffer, of Philadelphia, and D. J. McDermott of

this city. Mr. McDermott made a decided hit and frequently had his hearers convulsed with laughter.—Reading News-Times.

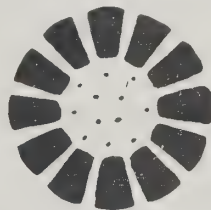
PATENTED STAMP-CANCELERS.

By STEVENSON.

Patent No. 89213 granted to one J. C. Gaston, of Cincinnati, Ohio, to date April 20, 1869, calls for a canceling device which is intended to, "cut, perforate, or scarify the stamp so as to prevent it from being used a second time." The device was to have as its principal parts, a handle at the bottom of which was "a blade having its edge formed into a series of points," and an adjustable ring screwing up or down the bottom of the handle to prevent the "blade" from cutting through the letter or other enclosures of the cover.

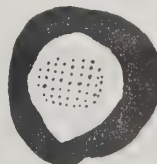
The letter of the patent states that, "It is obvious that the perforating points may be arranged to represent letters, as, for instance, U. S., when used for government purposes, or with the initials of an individual when otherwise used."

The intent of the patent seems evident. I have noted no traces of use of such a device immediately following the date of the patent but have cancellations of a much later date that seem to come from just such a tool, and also a similar idea expressed in cancellations of several years previous to the patent.



CUT No. 1.

The cuts show sufficiently well the results as shown on the stamps or covers that I have. Cut No. 1 shows the impression of a design used apparently only on stamps produced by the Continental Bank Note Co. and therefore presumably between 1873 and 1879. I have specimens of the 2c vermilion, the 3c, and the 6c in which the points are inked and in which they generally puncture the stamp. I have one specimen of the 10c of this period which shows no traces of the points but seems otherwise identical. Other values may show it. It may or may not come from such a source as indicated above but the indications are conclusive to my mind. There are variations in the number and size of the rays, in the number and arrangement of the points, and in the inks used in canceling.



CUT No. 2.

Cut No. 2 shows a design I have found used only on stamps of the American Bank Note Co., and before 1881. I have it on the 1c, 2c, and 3c, all in black. There are variations in the number and arrangement of the points, and apparently there were two or more sizes or shapes of stopping ring. The details of design of the stoppers are not plain and the cut shows simply the nature of one cancellation.

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the city or cities of use. I have one pair with the second device, the circle of the postmark showing on the left stamp. The last two letters of the town name are ON and from their position in the circle this may well be BOSTON.

Can anyone give further light on these two cancellations? Whether made or used under the patent they certainly conform to its terms and its ideas.

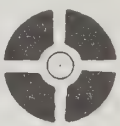
Among covers of the 1861 issue, I have what seems to be a device intended to punch out a circle of paper, without cutting too much into the cover and enclosures. The little inner circle always embosses the cover and shows on the inside, and generally cuts into the stamp pretty thoroughly. It was a success in its direct results. The punched circle could, naturally, in no case fall from the cover but one specimen I have is so well canceled that removal of the stamp might permit the punching to fall out.



CUT No. 3.

I have a punching device shown in action from two cities, Buffalo and Albany, N. Y. Cut No. 3 shows the Buffalo design in use in direct connection with a fully dated postmark. My earliest so dated is of March 9, 1863. I have several from this year, have seen two from 1864 and have one, as shown, dated February 2, 1865. The little inner circle is the punch. It is always inked. The surrounding design seems to represent a stopper to prevent undue penetration of the punch and may not have been adjustable.

Cut No. 4 shows one I have from Albany without the year of the date. The cancellation device is not clearly



CUT No. 4.

outlined but seems to be different from those used in Buffalo and apparently of the ray design shown.

It looks to me as if these early punchers have the main idea of the later patent, except possibly the adjustability of the stopper. Can anyone tell us anything about their use and whether they are the normal predecessors of the patent?

Does anyone know of any other designs or cancellation of any period that also conform to these ideas. Has anyone anything in the period immediately following the cancellation patent that seems even remotely connected with it? Please do not hold back even the slightest item that seems in any way connected. While you may not have something complete in itself, someone else may be able to dig up the rest of the needed information, especially after a clue from you.—Collectors' Journal.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Eleven Cent Stamp—The alert postal administration has taken advantage of the summer season to issue without preliminary notice a new stamp for the current series, with the odd denomination of eleven cents. The third assistant postmaster general sent the following circular from Washington on August 11, 1915. The news of its advent was given last week briefly:

"1. The Department is prepared to supply a postage stamp of 11-cent denomination, described as follows:

DESCRIPTION.

2. The new stamp bears the head of Franklin in profile, from Houdon's bust, looking to the left, and is printed in

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Ferris Auction Review, a few copies left, reduced to 35 cents post free.

EUGENE KLEIN, 142 So. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

dark green ink. It is of the same shape (a rectangle on end) and size (about $\frac{7}{8}$ by 23-32 inch) as the other ordinary stamps, series of 1911. The border design is the same as that of the other denominations of the current issue above 7 cents.

3. This new stamp is issued primarily for use in prepaying postage on parcels, and postage and insurance fee on insured parcels, amounting to 11 cents.

4. Postmasters desiring a supply of the new 11-cent stamp may include it in their next requisition on Form 3201 for other stamped paper, using the blank lines.

5. When any variety of postage stamps or other stamped paper is needed, the postmaster will inventory his stock and include in the requisition all varieties of stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes likely to be needed in the ensuing three to twelve months, depending upon his storage facilities, and not exceeding the number of stamps that can be adequately protected. This will avoid the necessity for frequent requisitions, and will be advantageous to the postmaster as well as to the Department.

A. M. DOCKERY,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen."

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Worth Recording—Several weeks ago, we expressed a wish that readers who were in possession of antiquarian documents or objects that portrayed any step of development of the American postal service, or had any philatelic flavor whatever to address us in order that these concomitants of early postal days be placed on record. The first response to the invitation came from Mr. J. W. Fox of Pottsville, Pa., who submitted for inspection a cover postmarked Philadelphia, November 15 (1842), and addressed to Pottsville, which had the words, "Single-Paid" in the upper right-hand corner but subsequently the word, Paid, was crossed out by pen and the words, "but not" were added. In explanation of this alteration, there is the following printed label on the reverse side of the cover: "Sir,—Your Correspondent, as you will perceive, has written 'PAID,' on this letter; but I conceive it to be my duty to inform you that the postage was *not paid*. Will you have the goodness to ascertain whether or not the money was sent to this office for that purpose. I am induced to be thus particular, because I have known so many instances in which faithless messengers have retained the money, and deposited the letters *unpaid*—thereby committing a fraud, disappointing the intentions of the writer, and reflecting unmerited censure upon the Post Office Department. Very respectfully, your ob't Serv't. John C. Montgomery, P. M. Philadelphia P. O., Nov. 15, 1842." The month, day and year are filled in with pen. The label is about one by three and one-half inches in size and is neatly printed in an ornamental frame. In this connection, we may call attention to an old post office receipt that has been forwarded by the Reverend Louis Voss of New Orleans, La., which is dated September 30th, 1817, and shows a debit "To the Post-Office of New-Orleans to amount of postage of letters and newspapers." This postal curiosity is of sentimental interest, we need not say, and is to be classed with the one that was illustrated in our issue of August 14th.

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A Question—An interesting question has been presented for consideration by a student of Confederate stamps who says that the twenty-cent green of the 1864 issue was prepared as much to

supply a currency need as for postal purposes. It is known that in the south as well as in the north postage stamps were used in business transactions as "small change" and consequently, in a commercial sense, the necessity of a medium of a denomination higher than ten cents was pressing. In fact, J. C. Schwab, A. M., M. D., whose history of the Confederate states in their financial and industrial aspects was published by Scribner's in 1901 says unreservedly that the twenty cent stamp was issued as a piece of fractional currency rather than as a postage stamp. Moreover, Dr. Schwab in his work tells of the fluctuations of the values of postage stamps of the Confederates as a circulating medium in the south and how at times the stamps were at a big discount. It would be worth while to hear from the lips of those who lived through the war period in the south, details of the use of the Confederate stamps as money. There have been many stories of the employment of postage stamps as change during the dearth of specie in the north but we do not remember having heard of the emergency use of postage stamps in the south.

One Instance—A conjecture that is sometimes made by collectors here is to the effect that many stamp collections must be destroyed in the course of the conflict in Europe. The assumption is a natural one and the following advertisement in Alfred Smith & Son's *Monthly Circular* gives it a definite quality: "Everything belonging to Mr. Joosten, Wilbryck, Antwerp, has been burnt by the Germans, including his collection of stamps (9,000). Who will give him a few duplicates to start again? He would be very grateful later on. Temporary address: F. Joosten, Chinley, Derbyshire, England."

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A Taking Name—A series of publications is shown under the general name, "Stampkraft," but there is no philatelic flavor in the little books for children which are designed for the accommodation of poster stamps, one to a page, that accompany the book. "Alice in Wonderland" for instance is to be illustrated with twelve gummed stamps which are to be placed opposite the corresponding rhyme; and there are other tales that may be similarly illustrated.

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Illustrating U. S. Stamps—At the recent convention of the Southern Philatelic Association at Reading, the perennial question of securing permission from the government to illustrate United States stamps was discussed. It is needless to say that the strict prohibition of the authorities in this regard is a thorn in the flesh of philatelists and it is natural that when they meet in convention, they are eager to bring to bear all favorable influence on philately. It must not be imagined, however, that attempts have not been made heretofore to gain relief from this ruling, as some years ago, the American Philatelic Society appointed a committee to work to seek the repeal of the restrictions of the act; and notwithstanding the support of a number of influential legislators that the committee was able to command, no remedial measures were undertaken. However, it is not likely that philatelists will forget this "unfinished business" and who knows but that fresh enthusiasm, untrammelled by traditions of the past, may not be the instrument of conversion of the postal powers who maintain that it would be unwise to let down the bars *an iota* in this particular.

U. S. ESSAY

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Persia set, 20 all different.
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Japan, collection of 60 different.
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*1899, Post. Due, 1, 2, 5 & 10c on U. S. 1.00		
*1899, Special Del., No. 351 & 35250
*1899, Special Del., No. 351a, block four 3.50		
*1899, Envelopes cut sq., cat. 88c, 1, 2,		
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 *French Somali Coast Dues, Set 5c to 1fc
75
 *St. Pierre & Miquelon Red Cross05
 *Indian Settlements Red Cross, local sur.
40
 Belgium King Albert, fine used 30c, 10c; 40c
 50c, 15c; 1fc, 30c; 2fc, 60c; 5fc 2.00
 5fc without Sunday slip75
 Large Head 20, 25, 40c45
 *Russ. Poland on Germany, Set of 530
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 CONVENTION AT READING,
 AUGUST 5th-7th, 1915.**

It is safe to say that the attendance at
 the Reading convention was unexpected-
 ly large and the list of those present will
 show that the meeting was an unusually
 representative one. The convention was
 opened by President Kissinger, at the
 Berkshire Hotel on the morning of Au-
 gust 5th, who introduced Mayor Strat-
 ton of Reading. The Mayor welcomed
 the delegates in a pleasant address to
 which a response was made on behalf of
 the delegates by Mr. Severn.

The annual report of the president re-
 viewed the remarkable progress of the
 Society during the year and dwelled upon
 the conditions abroad that had a reflex
 on philately; and he painted the possi-
 bilities of the future in lively colors.
 The secretary's report was a rousing one
 and evoked much applause, as it was
 shown that the growth of the organiza-
 tion had been phenomenal.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

August 3, 1915.

To the President and Members of the
 Southern Philatelic Association:

It is with no small degree of pleasure
 that I am able to present this, my third
 annual report, as Secretary of the South-
 ern Philatelic Association.

Never before in the history of the S.
 P. A., has there been so great gains
 made in membership as during the past
 eleven months. My report this time
 covers less than eleven months because
 of the fact that our convention was held
 over a month later last year.

The membership statistics are:
 Total membership Sept. 5, 1914, 656
 New members admitted, 429
 Reinstated, 22
 Replaced on membership list, 3

Total,	1,110
From which we must deduct:	
Deceased,	3
Resigned,	16
Expelled,	8
Suspended by Board of Appeals, 1	
Dropped for non-payment of	
dues,	137
Total,	165

Total membership Aug. 3, 1915, 945

To which add 75 applications
 now pending which makes
 a total of, 1,020

We practically have 1020 members in
 good standing in the S. P. A. today, or a
 gain of 364 members during the last
 eleven months; as compared with a gain
 of 300 members last year.

When I became Secretary in Sept.,
 1912, we had 290 members in good stand-
 ing. In September, 1913, we had 356
 members; in 1914, 656 members, and
 now we have 1,020. Who can tell what
 our total will be next year? Surely, the
 figure next year will make us rank as
 second to none.

Credit is due the following for applica-
 tions proposed: C. V. Webb, 128; L. T.
 Brodstone, 54; Albert E. Gorham, 51;
 C. W. Kissinger, 34; J. E. Guest, 32; S.
 H. Barnes, 11; M. Ohlman, 11; Thos.
 Burnett, 10; H. S. Powell, 10; E. T.
 Wallis, 8; Charles Roemer, 6; Etc., Etc.

The Secretary of another leading
 stamp society recently published the fol-
 lowing: "Including those whose applica-
 tions are now pending, this shows a pos-
 sible membership of 1,444 which would
 be a loss of twenty-five from the figures
 of last August, which, considering the
 business conditions which have been ex-
 istent since last year, constitute far from
 a poor showing." Surely, with our gain
 of 364 members and the addition of four
 new branches—we have a right to feel
 that the past year has accomplished
 something for the S. P. A.

New branches have been formed at
 Reading, Washington, Brooklyn, and
 Perry. Especially is great credit due to
 Mr. Albert E. Gorham of Washington,
 D. C., who has built up a membership of
 some 50 members plus in Washington
 since last convention.

The hearty coöperation of the Presi-
 dent and other officers in the perform-
 ance of my duties as Secretary has made
 the past year a very pleasant one.

Having worked under the new Con-
 stitution for a year—we have discovered
 some places which need remedying and
 I have submitted to the Committee on
 Constitution various proposed changes:
 all of which I trust will be given careful
 consideration by the convention.

The *Collector's Journal* of Chicago
 and the *West* have both donated space
 to the S. P. A. for advertising. The
West has been more regular this past
 year than for a good many years before
 and they have given us a great amount
 of space for our reports.

In closing this report—I wish again
 to thank the officers who have so gladly
 assisted me as opportunity presented it-
 self and also the members for their
 hearty coöperation at all times.

Respectfully submitted,
C. V. WEBB, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Members of the Southern Phila-
 telic Association, Reading, Pa.:

The library of the Association was re-
 ceived by me in October last from Dr. R.
 L. Allen of Waynesville, N. C. It was
 contained in one case about four feet
 long by one foot six inches wide and the
 bulk of the library was made up of
 MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS and
Philatelic West; by actual count, there
 were 1101 Periodicals and 98 Separate
 Works (this including all Price Lists,
 etc.). Since October, there have been
 added 918 Periodicals and 162 Separate
 Works, making a substantial gain as you
 can see. The additions were donated
 by:—

	P.	S. W.
Allen, Benjamin P.,	197	14
Bennett, Samuel,	129	
Cannon, Gabriel,		12
Clark, E. L.,	2	
Kissinger, C. W.,	24	1
Kromer, W. A.,		3
Melville, F. J.,		1
Lawrence, Parker M.,		1
Potter, Earl H.,		4
Ricketts, W. R.,	554	121
Webb, C. V.,		5
Unknown,	7	
Brodstone, L. T.,	5	
	918	162

Making a grand total of Periodicals
 2,018; Separate Works, 260 or 2,278
 pieces in all.

The library should have contained all
 journals that had acted as Official Organ
 for the Association from the beginning,
 but it does not; in fact, many of the
Philatelic West with the reports are
 missing. It did not even have its own
 Year Books, these having been received
 since I took it over.

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 the latest Subject-Author basis and
 when completed it will be published in
 the next Year Book.

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 pass a resolution instructing the Secre-
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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass.

As it is a well known fact, any Society that does not publish its own journal cannot hope to receive exchanges, our library is entirely dependent upon the donations of its members. Now, from above report, you will notice that out of a large membership, only 13 members (three or four have written me concerning donations and if I have neglected to answer their letters, I wish to state here that they will very soon be answered) have given anything to the library since October last. So at this rate our library will not grow very fast. Therefore, I would suggest to the Association that a certain sum of money be appropriated each year, for binding or purchase of worthy literature for the library. This last suggestion is a very important one, as we have quite a few periodicals in complete volumes that should be bound.

Another suggestion is that the Librarian should be allowed postage; I have paid out quite a lot in postage during the past year of which I have kept no account, but it seems to me that this should be paid by the Association in future.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM R. RICKETTS.

The report of the Committee on Credentials indicated that there was a working majority represented. The following officers were elected:

President, C. W. Kissinger of Reading; Vice President, William Lycett of New York City; Secretary, C. V. Webb of Perry, O.; Treasurer, Erwin L. Fischer of Cincinnati, O.; International Secretary, Harry E. Klotzbach of Buffalo; Sales Manager, J. E. Guest of Minneapolis, Minn.; Exchange Manager, E. T. Wallis of Indianapolis, Ind.; Auction Manager, M. Ohlman of New York City; Attorney, W. E. Scripture of Rome, N. Y.; Publicity Manager, Rev. L. G. Dorpat of Wisconsin; Librarian, W. R. Ricketts of Forty-Fort, Pa.; Trustees, Robert C. Edgar, W. L. English, Jr., and F. R. Hayworth, all of Kansas; George E. Fiscus and Charles L. Pond, of Indiana.

Chairmen of the standing committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials Committee—F. S. Fox, Chairman; C. E. Severn, H. Seidel Throm.

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Place of Meeting—A. E. Gorham, Chairman; L. T. Brodstone, Jerome G. Wolf.

Reception—Harry F. Kantner, Chairman; J. Glenn Knauer, H. A. Benner.

Election of Officers—Frederick S. Fox, Chairman; S. H. Barnes, H. Seidel Throm.

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Constitution—Parke M. Lawrence, Chairman; J. E. Guest, A. E. Gorham.

Thursday evening the complimentary banquet to the visitors was given by Mr. Kissinger and it proved to be a most happy occasion. Elsewhere some particulars are furnished which are taken from the Reading News-Times, of which Mr. F. S. Fox is one of the managers.

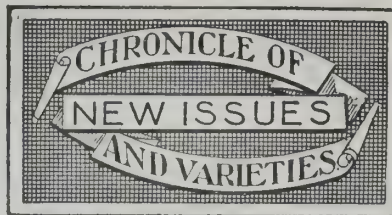
The second session of the convention came to order on Friday morning and was devoted to the consideration of reports of the various committees. The cities of Minneapolis, New Orleans and Washington were placed in nomination for the seat of the next convention. After an oratorical display, the balloting proceeded and it was found that Washington was the winner by a comfortable margin. To some extent, the result was a personal tribute to Messrs. Gorham and Mason, whose arguments for their home city were not to be withstood.

The Philatelic West was easily the choice for official journal for the ensuing year and although due regard was shown for the other claimants, they were not serious contenders, as it proved. In the afternoon, a trolley ride over Mt. Penn preceded the luncheon at the famous Kuechler's roost, where later, an advertised auction sale was held by Mr. Fowler.

The Saturday session was a peppery one in spots, as it was given over to discussion of the report of the Committee on Constitution. While opinion was divided at times over the advisability of some of the proposed changes, yet, everything worked out harmoniously. The alterations and additions to the constitution will all be included in the new edition of the working manual that will be distributed soon by the Secretary. The customary resolutions of thanks were passed and the 1915 convention passed into history as the most successful one ever held by the Southern Philatelic Association. Reading had redeemed with interest its promises to make the convention one that will always remain green in memory.

AT THE CONVENTION.

Among those who were present, were the following, all of Reading: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kissinger and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Kantner and son, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Fox and daughter, Dr. J. Glenn Knauer, H. Seidel Throm, Miss Anita Kissinger, Donald F. Lybarger, D. J. McDermott, John S. Mack, J. H. Leippe, H. A. Benner, George Billheimer, S. H. Barnes and Mrs. Louise Kissinger. Russell D. Cox, Harry B. Mason and Albert E. Gorham of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Severn and Henry Ades Fowler of Chicago. P. M. Wolsieffer, Percy McGraw Mann, Lewis Myers Lang and Mr. Klein of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wallis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Pond of Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. William Lycett of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Eilers and daughter of St. Louis; L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr.; Wm. R. Ricketts of Forty Fort, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; L. H. Kjellstedt, Scranton, Pa.; Dr. Geo. Hetrich, Birdsboro, Pa.; P. M. Lawrence, Conneautville, Pa.; Kenneth Lewis, Ossining, Pa.; C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio; E. S. Martin, Covington, Ohio; Jerome G. Wolf, Fremont, Ohio; Raymond E. Scheerer, Pottsville, Pa.; J. E. Guest, Minneapolis and Harry E. Klotzbach, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa., and W. F. Gregory, New York City.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels sends the following list of new envelopes:

B. No.	Denom.	Die	Var.	Size.	Paper.	Kn.
		Wmk. 17	U S S E	(1911).		
2456D	2c	B	7	Buff		51
		Wmk. 18	U S S E	(1911).		
2669A	2c	B	3	White		92
2670	2c	B	5	Blue		87
		Wmk. 19	(1915).			
—	2c	A	5	White		87
—	2c	A	13	Amber		89
—	2c	E	5	Blue		87
—	2c	E	8	White		91
		Wmk. 20	(1915).			
—	1c	A	5	White		87
—	1c	B	8	White		59
—	2c	A	5	Amber		87
—	2c	A	13	White		89
—	2c	B	5	White		87
—	2c	B	8	White		59
—	2c	B	9	White		61

No. 2669A in last issue should have been 2669C.

Milton R. Miller calls attention to the fact that some of the current 2c stamps are printed on a paper that can be easily split, and inquires if this is a genuine double paper. Others have noticed the same peculiarity, and yet the officials at Washington say that no change has been made in the paper recently.

C. M. Breder reports a new cancellation, the inscription in the wavy lines reading, "Received in Package Box Collection."

AUSTRALIA.—Ewen's Weekly reports the issue of a new registration envelope, with head of King George.

Registration Envelope.

4d orange.

BARBADOS.—S. Schachne submits a letter from the Colonial Postmaster at Barbados, dated Aug. 7, 1915, stating that no letter cards have been issued in the Colony as printed in No. 1285. The item in question was reprinted from Ewen's Weekly, from a translation by that paper from the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*. Possibly an error may have been made in the translation, or the chronicle may have been made from Postal Union copies, not yet sent out to the Colony.

BULGARIA.—W. T. Wilson has shown us a copy of the 25s ultramarine and black of 1911, surcharged "10 ct." in red, above the portrait and with the old value at the bottom obliterated with a red line.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly notes the issue of three stamps in new colors and perforations, the design being that of 1911.

Provisional Adhesive.

10s on 25s, ultramarine and black; surcharge red.

Adhesives.

5s purple and deep green; perf. 14.
15s olive green; perf. 11½.
30s red brown and myrtle green; perf. 14.

CUBA.—R. C. Hooghkirk reports the new color of the 2c map stamp, as noted in No. 1285, so that it must be regarded as an official issue and not a faded copy.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Hermann Focke and Fred E. Prohaska have shown us another value of the locally printed stamps, overprinted "1915" in red. The frames of these stamps are very poorly printed, the ink being muddy, and the figures of value in the lower corners varying widely in shape and size. The 1c was noted in No. 1282.

Adhesive.

2c olive green, black and red.

DUTCH INDIES.—The *Postzegelnieuws* reports that the Government has decided

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Fiji, 1903, ½d to 6d, set	1.00
1903, 1sh75
1903, 1 pound	7.00
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FRENCH INDIA.—This Colony has issued a Red Cross stamp, in line with most of the other colonies.

Red Cross Adhesive.

10x5c carmine.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Ewen's Weekly chronicles a new value in the Postage Due set. The stamps are printed in sheets of 240 stamps, and divided into panes of 120 stamps before issue. The earliest date of issue was June 22.

Postage Due Adhesive.
1sh bright blue.

PERSIA.—The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly says that complete sets of stamps have been issued, overprinted "Service" and "Colis Postaux."

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—According to the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, the \$2 value has appeared on yellow paper colored through, and the \$5 on green paper of the same kind.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—New wrappers in the King George design have been issued.

Wrappers.

½d green on brownish yellow.
1d carmine on brownish yellow.

TURKEY.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* gives the following as the quantities printed of the Abrogation of Capitulations stamps: 5pa, 500,000; 10pa, 100,000; 20pa, 50,000; 1pi, 15,000; 2pi, 15,000; 5pi, 3,000; 10pi, 3,000. The Turkish Government is reported to be having great difficulty in getting sufficient stamps and stationery, the previous supply having been printed in England. Letter cards of old issues are being cut up for army use.

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The only philatelist who doesn't know how to blush is Charles Esterly Severn, who accepted the twice told tale that he was a handsome man—(after a reporter had used him for all the news matter necessary to fill every Reading newspaper for several days)—without change of color, and then he hastened on to tell Mrs. S. to prove something about which there had no doubt been an argument.

Dancing proved to be a diversion at the Tower on Mt. Penn. L. T. Brodstone and P. M. Mann competed in the terpsichorean art—all honors going to Brodstone, although the husband of the lady, who was kind enough to dance with them, bellowed forth something about having been watching a "Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle", but it's impossible to say whether he meant Brodstone or Mann was "Vernon".

D. F. Lybarger, with smiling face and tortoise-shell eye-glasses, was always on the job—Wonder what magazine he was writing for?

Unfortunately, the services of Dr. Knauer were called into play—an acci-

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dent to one of our big philatelists gave Doc his—almost—first case. M. D. was recently added to J. Glen Knauer at Hahnmann in Philadelphia. Fortunately, the accident proved to be—not serious.

It is remarked that Henry Ades will cork the bottle better the next time.

"The cool of the evening" pleased many, especially J. G. Wolf of Fremont and St. Augustine, who, after hot Florida, said anything cool satisfied him.

The twin Palm Beach suits from Washington carried off high honors, and they won the 1916 convention for their city. Like two senators, they did as do senators—twisted the S. P. A. constitution into unrecognizable reading matter—something to be undone—something to work with at the 1916 meet.

Will some kind parliamentarian explain how a motion is *always* seconded? Address Lewis M. Lang of Philadelphia.

There is a fellow named Fowler,
Who is a darned fine howler;
He knocked down the lots
To the tink of beer-pots,
He's after the almighty dowler.

Truly, the Berkshire Hotel management had to engage a painter to erase the scratches around many of the key holes to the fillupists rooms. Gee! but the halls were dark—in the cool of the evening.

Literature's the hobby of Ricketts,
Some say he collects car tickets;
Be that as it may,
He's never in the way,
At conventions he's one of the picketts.

A good one is told about a Washingtonian. He was in the shooting gallery at the Tower on Mt. Penn. He failed to hit the target after shooting awhile and finally he asked how many cartridges were left in the rifle. The attendant replied that they were half shot. The sportsman said, "So am I", and then he blazed away and every shot took effect and the target bell rang continuously for five minutes. A good shot is Harry.

'Twas a happy gathering in W. R. Ricketts' room on Friday night, after the return from the auction. Everybody had one of the host's big black cigars to munch on—and the telephone was kept busy until it took a tumble to itself and like the rest of the bunch became out of order. No apologies.

Neversink was fine as silk
For the philatelic ilk;
It had kept all busy,
And made some dizzy,
Drinking, drinking, drinking—milk!

All hail to the Reading trio: Kissinger, Fox and Kantner—some speed, some entertainment, some convention! Everything was just right, done right, and there was right well plenty to do. And all went home happy and cheered with the recollections of one of the best annual gatherings of stamp people ever held.

SUCH A LOVELY TIME.

By MISS GUSHIE GURGLE.

I know you are all just dying to hear all about the fun we had at Reading. Have you ever been there? I hope you have, for if you have not, you just can't understand how perfectly lovely it all was. You know the people are so hospitable they just entertained us every minute,—met us at the train and told us that the town was ours. Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger gave a reception; not a stiff one, where everybody just smiles and says sweet things to everybody else, but just a real jolly one, where everybody had a good time. We had lots of good things to eat and the grandest punch,—say, but you should have seen Henry Ades help serve; and he didn't leave until everybody else had

gone; he stayed to get an extra dish of ice cream, I guess.

Thursday morning, the convention opened and philatelists were coming on every train. Wasn't it a shame that poor Brody missed the last car out of Kutztown and had to stay there all night.

We had such a grand trip, right up to the top of Neversink Mountain, where refreshments were served, just ginger ale and things. We got back to the hotel just in time to dress for the banquet that Clifford Kissinger gave at the Berkshire Hotel. It was lovely; such a good dinner and so many speeches; they were all good. The last speaker was Mr. McDermott; he told us how hard it was for him to give us that talk as he had written all the speeches given by the other men and didn't have much left. I wonder if he really did.

Friday, we went to Kuechler's roost by trolley on Mt. Penn; we stopped at the tower and danced; Cliffie Kissinger, Brody and Percy Mann all danced beautifully. Percy is so much like Vernon Castle. We didn't want to leave there, but the car was ready and we went on to Kuechler's Roost. I wish I had time to tell you all about the Roost; it was started by a funny old hermit who lived up there all alone. Now it is a popular resort. We sat around the round table, drank lemonade, ate pretzels and had such a good time; and wasn't it lovely of Harry Kantner, Fred Fox and Clifford Kissinger to serve us such a nice Dutch lunch. We enjoyed it so much after our mountain ride. After lunch, Mr. Fowler had a sale; it was such fun to bid and so exciting,—every time I was ready to bid, the auctioneer said "gone" and it was all over.

We had a picture taken and it was fine of everybody except me; I am always so disappointed in my own picture.

Saturday morning we all felt so sad that the convention was almost over. Early in the afternoon we went on an auto ride to the Pagoda on Mt. Penn. When we got back to the hotel, everybody was packing and getting ready to go. The Wallis' and Ponds left by auto for Atlantic City and other eastern points. Mr. and Mrs. Parker motored to their home in Bethlehem. Mr. and Mrs. Eilers and their little girl returned to St. Louis. Mrs. Lycett seemed so sorry to go as she had such a good time. We all feel so very grateful to Mrs. Kissinger who did so much to entertain the women at the convention.

Now we are all looking forward to Washington next year and to meeting Mrs. Mason. We just can't wait.

International Precancel Club.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER,
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Receipts from dues and applicants, 2.00

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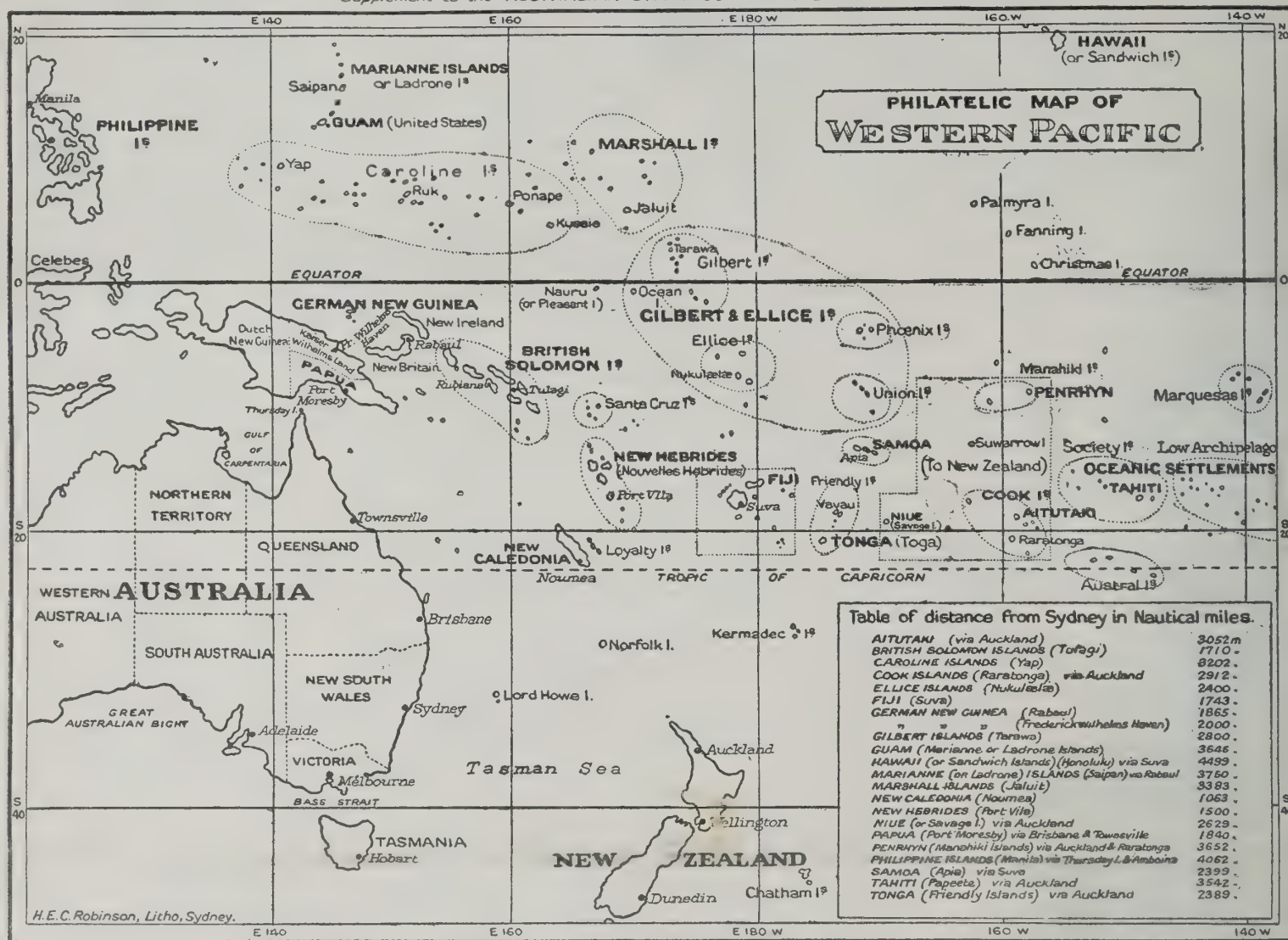
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

JIMMY O': HEALTH-RESTORER.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

"You see, Eddy is now a lit'r'y feller. He's bought a book. Him buyin' one sure makes th' presses run overtime t' meet th' future demand."

Jimmy O' swung slowly in the hammock which welcomed the passing and passive cow-puncher, while Eddy lazed upon the earth at his mentor's feet. Jimmy had won the hammock by "stickin' out ov his tongue," as Eddy lugubriously described the foot-race from the spot where the inseparables had anchored their cayuses. The rush of hurrying feet had brought me to the door of the tent-house. One look was enough. There was never need of haste when Jimmy O' and Eddy were safely stretched out.

"Now this here book o' Eddy's, it's sure some book."

Jimmy sat up, rolled the inevitable cigarette, and began to kill the rose-bugs on my American Beauties. In fact, anything that came in range of Jimmy's tobacco—"hand-grown by hand," as he phrased it—was doomed to death.

"Some book," repeated Jimmy O'. "Gent o' th' name o'—well nev' mind his name. He want anyways responsible for the name—on'y fer the book. This here gent, 'e says, says 'e 'Bang! bang! an' two more is rubbed out."

I was interested enough then to peep at the title which Eddy obligingly displayed, while Jimmy vanished in a cloud of home-grown.

Eddy was reading "The Monitor of Health."

I went back into the shack and finished my work.

"As I was sayin' w'en you made fer yer gun," resumed Jimmy O', upon my re-appearance, "you c'n pick health off'n any bush in Arizona—cept one o' them jumpin' cactus. Reminds me o' th' time that there Easterner paid me four a day fer 'leven days t' go an' hunt w'at 'e called cacti. Cacti! O heck! If I'd used language like that up on th' range, the boys 'ud a roped an' tied me—sure would. I wouldn't git nary one t' speak t' me fer a month—maybe two."

"Alas! That them dear days aint here now!" interpolated Eddy.

"Quotin' that there master mind now reposin' in 'is lef' hand," added Jimmy O' to the student of "The Monitor of Health."

"Well, this here Boston chap got 'bout sixty-nine kinds o' cactus, more er less, but one he sure lacked. Said the Indians made booze of it afore th' white men come. Now me—I don't care fer that kind. Ever tell ye 'bout the time that ole 'pache give me tiz-wiz mixed with water?"

"Fer w'y the water?" queried Eddy.

Jimmy ignored the jibe and ambled on: "Well, 'e told me hit was plumb good fer my insides. Sure. W'en I come to I was leventeen miles from nowhere—me an' that 'pache, him lookin' sad as a prospector's burro with all the flour recent et up. And say!"

Jimmy O' doubled up with mirth.

"W'at d'ye know 'bout this? Seems we'd been playin' monte an' I'd won 'is pony an' 'is trappin's—saddle, bridle, an' all; an', by heck! I was likewise th' owner o' his squaw!"

"Reg'lar lady's man—Jimmy," declared Eddy.

"Now me—I couldn't stan' fer that there squaw game. No, sir—not me.

But say! She didn't seem to care a whop. But me—I sure sweat blood. Then I tole that 'pache, bein' a dear frien' o' his'n, I'd stake 'im fer another go. He won back 'is pony—an' 'is trappin's—but derned ef 'e didn't buckup at th' squaw. She was las'—an' me—I sure leaked another bucket o' blood. W'en 'e fin'ly won 'er back—me havin' t' stack th' cyards—I jes' nach'ly climbed aboard my cayuse an' faded—never lef' a shadow."

"Never even tried to make c'lecters of 'em," said Eddy, with a grin.

Jimmy rolled another cigarette, and then resumed.

"Well, this here Boston man brung along w'at 'e called a sleepin' bag. First off, he ondresses, puts on a long nighty"—

"Alas! perturbed spirit!" wailed Eddy.

"Then he crawls inter that there sleepin' bag. Me—I buttons 'im in, all nice an' tidy, ev'ry night. An' ev'ry mornin' I lets 'im out."

"Some vally, Jimmy O'," declared Eddy.

"Well, this night 'e went inter 'is bag an' I buttons 'im in. I aint much more'n rolled up w'en buzz-zz-zz goes a di'mon'-back. Mr. Boston he hears it too. An' say! That there bag fairly reared up! He beat a sack-race fer pure fun. Me—I rolled an' luffed till I was sore—that there di'mon' back singin' all th' time.

"Lemme out!" yells Boston, muffled-like. "They's a rattlesnake in th' sack! He's bit me laig!"

"He want, though. I seen 'im coiled 'bout four feet from the sack. Well, I ups an' shoots 'is head plum off—the snake's. But Boston, 'e was so all-fired scairt 'e never heard my gun go off."

"Yer discharged!" he yells, voice like a man wit' his head in th' feed-bin. Gee!

I was glad! I was plum' sick o' that there button-in game anyways. So I says, good an' loud: 'A'right—goo'bye,' an' made as if I was goin' away. Then I kep' still an' never budged. Say—the sack was quiet, too—him in it. W'en I unbuttoned 'im 'e'd fainted clean away.

"Well, 'e cum to, o' course—called me 'is preserver—an' said 'e guessed 'e'd got enough cacti an' experience—mostly experience. Me—I sure swelled up some then an' begun t' feel I was mostly human again."

"Mos'—but not quite yet, anyways," suggested Eddy.

"Well, w'en 'e got back t' Boston they was a long piece in th' paper 'bout him an' me. It was sure funny. Now say! I b'leeve I'll send 'im a book!"

Eddy promptly closed the "Monitor" and passed it over.

"Oh, heck, no!" said Jimmy waving aside the gift. "Is health is all right. He said in that there piece that me an' Arizona was the great health-restorers."

Then Jimmy O' and Eddy fled down the path, mounted their horses, and vanished.

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it was known as Yang-chang (city of rams). The Arabs made regular voyages hither as early as the 9th century, A. D. The Portuguese found their way to it in 1517, and were followed by the Dutch a hundred years later. These in turn were supplanted by the English before the close of the 17th century, and an immense trade was carried on by the agents of the East India Company, whose monopoly ceased in April, 1834. In 1842 Canton became one of the five treaty ports open to foreign commerce. The city was captured by the allied French and English forces in December, 1857, and continued to be garrisoned by them until October, 1861. The city has a present population of about two millions of whom probably less than 1000 are foreigners.

Chifu is a port in Shantung, at the entrance of the Gulf of Pechili. The place is much frequented by foreigners as a health resort in summer. The harbor is shallow with the result that men-of-war and vessels of deep draught cannot approach it. The port played a considerable part in the Russo-Japanese war; before the fall of Port Arthur many steamers ran the blockade between Chifu and the Russian garrison. In August, 1904, the Russian destroyer, *Reshitelni*, was forcibly abducted from the port by the Japanese. It is the chief port for the trade of Shantung and the Gulf of Pechili for the reason that it is the only port in the gulf which remains open throughout the winter. It has a population of about 40,000.

Ching-kiang is a city in Kiang-su about 150 miles northwest of Shanghai. Its position, near the junction of the Grand Canal with the Yang-tse-kiang, makes it an important centre of trade. This city was taken by the British on July 21st, 1842, and in 1861 it was opened to foreign trade. It has a population of about 300,000.

Foochow is the capital of the province of Fu-chien situated on the left bank of the river Min, about 34 miles from its mouth. The town proper is surrounded with walls nearly 30 feet high and about 10 feet wide at the top. The river is thronged with floating houses and is crossed by a great bridge 329 yards long. The viceroy of Che-kiang and Fu-kien made it his residence in the middle of the 10th century. The Min provides an easy means of communication with the interior, with which a large trade is carried on, and the port, opened to foreign commerce in 1842, is one of the principal tea-markets and mission stations in China. There are manufactories of silk and cotton fabrics and paper; and on an island three miles down the stream there is a large governmental arsenal managed by Europeans. The French bombarded Foochow in 1884. It has a present population of about 700,000.

Hankow is a treaty port in the province of Hu-peh, on the left bank of the Han at its junction with the Yang-tse-kiang, and about 600 miles west of Shanghai. Strictly speaking Hankow is a suburb of the towns of Wu-chang and Han-yang, the three together forming one huge city. Vessels of large size can reach Hankow, the river being navigable to Ichang, 420 miles higher up. It was opened to foreign trade in 1862. In 1889 a decree of the emperor authorised the construction of a railway between Hankow and Pekin—about 776 miles. Over two miles of the river frontage belongs to British and other foreign concessions. These have been embanked with stone to protect them from a 40 foot rise of the river in summer. Before the Taiping rebellion the three cities had a combined population of over 5,000,000, but this has since

dropped to about 1,700,000 of which Hankow has between 600,000 and 800,000.

Ichang is a treaty port in the Hu-peh province on the left bank of the Yang-tse-kiang, 965 miles from the sea. Ichang is the transshipment port for cargo to and from Sze-kuen, and light draught steamers run between it and Hankow. The port was declared open to foreign trade in 1877. It has a population of about 50,000.

Nanking is the capital of the province of Kiang-fu being situated about a mile from the right bank of the Yang-tse-kiang and 205 miles west of Shanghai. Its name signifies Southern Capital. The town lies in a hollow surrounded by hills, those which command the river being strongly fortified. At different times between 222 and 501 A. D., Nanking was the capital of China, and again in 1368-1403. Taken by the Taipings in 1853 it remained their capital until 1865. They destroyed nearly all the magnificent public buildings for which the city was once famous. Till then the walls, 50 to 70 feet high, enclosed an area nearly 20 miles in circumference. The most memorable of the ruined buildings was the Porcelain Tower (1430), the summer palace, and the tombs of the kings, with remarkable sepulchral statues. Nanking has since rapidly recovered, its silks and satins being famed in China and its nankeens (hence named) in Europe. The tomb of the first Ming emperor (Hung Wu) lies near the city. In 1842 Nanking was captured by the British. Its population at the present time is between 200,000 and 300,000.

Pekin, or Pei-ching ("Northern Capital") is the capital of China and consists of an inner and an outer—that is, a Manchu and a Chinese—city. The former is 14½ miles in circuit and is enclosed by a wall about 45 feet high and 47 feet thick. Within the Manchu city lie the palaces, public offices, Confucian and other large temples, and many private residences. Shops are almost confined to the main streets, which are of great width. In the Chinese city, which projects south of the Manchu city are shops, theatres, restaurants, etc., but large spaces are unoccupied. The wall around this city is 22 ft. high. Pekin was, with short intervals, an imperial residence for more than nine hundred years, and was an important place long before that date. It has been known by many names—e. g., Chi in the 12th century, B. C., Yen early in the Christian era, Yu-chou in the 7th century, A. D., Nan-ching in the 10th, Yen-ching in the 11th, Khan-baligh in the 13th, and Pei-ching in the 15th century, and its present official name is Shun-tien-fu. Pekin surrendered to the Anglo-French force in 1860 and in 1900 was the scene of the "Boxer" rebellion, when the foreign legations were besieged and ultimately relieved by the allied expeditionary army. The allied forces occupied the "Forbidden City" after the flight of the Chinese court to Singanfoo. Its population is generally considered to be about one million.

Shanghai is a treaty port in the province of Kiang-su, on the left bank of Hwang-po, twelve miles above its junction with the Yang-tse-kiang at Wusung. Its facilities for distribution, and the lack of deep water at the treaty ports in the north, have made it the entrepôt of all foreign trade north of Foochow and the greatest foreign market of the country. Miles of wharves and five large dockyards hardly suffice for its traffic. The French and British and American settlements, almost self-governing, extend about five miles below the city along the river front, and from three to four miles inland. Shang-

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Swatau, or Swatow, is a seaport in the Kwang-tung province, on the left bank of the Han, five miles from its mouth. It is situated about 180 miles northeast of Hong-Kong. Swatow has been open for foreign trade since 1869, though for long it had an unenviable reputation for anti-foreign feeling. It has a population of about 50,000.

Tientsin is a city in the province of Chi-li, on the right bank of the Pei-ho, at its junction with the Grand Canal, and 80 miles southeast of Peking. It is the port of supply for the whole of China north of the Yellow river. The river is frozen over from December to March when the business is taken up by sledges. By the treaty of Tientsin (1858) the port was declared open, but owing to anti-foreign feeling it was occupied by the allies in the winter of 1860-61 and shortly afterwards a British consulate was established. On June 21st, 1870, anti-foreign feeling culminated in a massacre of Roman Catholics and other foreigners. The bombardment of the foreign settlements in the latter part of June, 1900, led to the occupation of the city by the allied forces on July 15th following, and from that time until August 15th, 1902, Tientsin was administered by a foreign provisional government. It has a population closely approaching one million.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

Until 1898 ordinary unsurcharged stamps were used at the three offices then in operation in China. At Shanghai the stamps of 1880 and 1889 were used while at Tientsin and Chefoo those of the latter issue were used. These stamps can, of course, only be identified by the cancellations. On January 1st, 1898, the German stamps of the numeral and Eagle types of 1889 were overprinted "China" in black for use in these offices. The overprint slopes diagonally upwards and in the first supplies sent to China the word slopes at an angle of 45°. Later supplies show the name at an angle of 56°. The first series is much the scarcer, especially in the case of the 3pf denomination, and though one set is sufficient for the general collector it is as well to know how to distinguish the two types. The 3pf value used alone prepaid circulars and newspapers between the various offices in China. At first this denomination was only supplied to the offices of Shanghai and Tientsin.



Reference List.

1898. German stamps of 1889 overprinted in black.

1. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 301.
2. 5pf green, Scott's No. 302.
3. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 303.
4. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 304.
5. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 305.
6. 50pf chocolate, Scott's No. 306.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

According to an article by Mr. Reichenheim in the *London Philatelist*, the post office at Foochow was opened on June 7th, 1900, and less than a month later there was a shortage of 5pf stamps

and provisionals were made by the postmaster for temporary use, some of the 10pf stamps of the first series being surcharged "5 pf" by means of hand-stamp. Many conflicting reports have been published regarding the number, varieties, and date of use of this provisional, some writers evidently confusing this Foochow variety with the somewhat similar provisionals issued in Kiautschou. Mr. Reichenheim was able to get information direct from the Postmaster of the German post office in Foochow to the following effect:—

Two issues exist: the first one was made between the 5th and 10th July, 1900, and the second one during a few days in the middle of November of the same year. Both issues have been produced by the same single hand-stamp, cut in wood, and made locally for the purpose, and the surcharge was affixed to each single stamp by the Post Office officials themselves when stamps of 5pf values were required by the public during those two periods. Therefore no different types can exist, but probably through bad stamping some stamps appear with the surcharge "5 p" only. Altogether there have been forty to fifty sheets of one hundred stamps surcharged.

Gibbons' catalogue for some mysterious reason still persists in giving the date of this provisional as "1 June 1900" although the office was not opened until the 5th of that month.

Specimens with double surcharge were reported in 1905 and though this is a very likely error in the case of stamps produced by such primitive means I do not know if the variety has been properly authenticated or not.

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Reference List.

July-November 1900. Surcharged at Foochow.
7. 5pf in black on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 316.

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EDITORIAL.

Resting Easily.—Through sources of information widely scattered throughout the country, we are enabled to say that business conditions in stamps have been good; and while latterly, there has been a demand somewhat diminished in volume, yet the opening soon of the regular season will counteract the effect of the depression, if it may be said to be such. Those who are interested in stamps commercially may know that their "commodities" are of fixed value, almost, and are not readily disturbed by financial ill winds. We do not need to add that new issues and especially the war stamps are ruling strong.

Baltimore Postmaster.—From Mr. Wm. C. Schilling, Baltimore, Md., we have received an old postage bill of 1847 that is interesting because it bears the name of James M. Buchanan, the famous "provisional" postmaster of Baltimore. The bill reads: "To Jas. M. Buchanan, P. M., Baltimore, Md., Dr. to Newspaper Postage, one quarter in advance,—from 1st January to 1st April—\$2.64." Moreover, the bill is impressed "Paid" in blue by what evidently was the hand-stamp in use on letters at that period.

Civil War Tax.—A reader has sent us a fac-simile reproduction of T. B. Peterson & Brothers' "new official edition" of the "Stamp Duties, imposed by the last acts of Congress of the United States of America of June 30, 1864," that was presented in a Philadelphia newspaper. The information contained in this tax list, "copy of which is owned by H. H. Hay's Sons, and hangs in the office of the Middle Street store" is emulative and while it is not new to collectors, yet its original form appeals to collectors. For instance: "Proprietors of Cosmetics, Medicines or Proprietary Articles, may furnish private dies, to be approved by the Commissioner, and are allowed 5 per cent. on all purchases of

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Impending.—From a Newfoundland newspaper we learn that at a meeting, held August 18th in a town in Prince Edward Island, a resolution was passed petitioning the Dominion government "to overture the Colony of Newfoundland to enter Confederation on terms mutually agreeable." Indications are not lacking that the destiny of Newfoundland is to enter the Confederation at a date not far in the future as the surface showing is that the "merger" would be acceptable to both the Dominion and Newfoundland; and its consummation, we need not say, would result in the discontinuance of Newfoundland's distinctive issues and make the country, more than ever before, the favorite of many specialists.

Good Stuff.—In a recent number of *Everybody's Philatelist*, Mr. Charles A. Nast, whose contributions may be depended upon to reflect the writer's ripe experience and seasoned enthusiasm speaks of the somewhat remarkable philatelic distinction enjoyed by the October, 1871, number of *Harper's New Monthly Magazine*. In this classic monthly of the date named, there is an article copiously illustrated and extending over eighteen pages, entitled, "New York City Post-Office." As the name implies, the account is a history of the New York institution from its beginning to the present (1871) when instead "of there being as formerly only a few straggling letters, two hundred and fifty thousand postage stamps, on an average, are daily canceled, and that is a representation of the number of domestic letters delivered at the post-office every twenty-four hours." The figures were astounding then, but to-day, 250,000 stamps are canceled on a single edition of a mail-order catalogue sent out by one of a number of firms that are heavy users of postage stamps. We need not add that this history of the New York post office gives a valuable record that is indispensable to the one who would be a postal historian, let us say.

By James M. Chute.—In the same number of the periodical, *Harper's New Monthly Magazine*, October, 1871, is the famous article, "Postage Stamps and Their Origin", with many stamp cuts on the ten pages of text. Some time ago, we reviewed somewhat completely this striking article which was the first philatelic contribution to a magazine of the high character of *Harper's*; and we wager that the appearance of this stamp article caused much rejoicing in the stamp world upon the "recognition" of the pursuit by so critical and discrimi-

nating an authority as the monthly in question. A feature of the article was illustrations of the earlier United States stamps, including the big five-cent newspaper stamp of 1865, which, with the companion values, ten and twenty-five cents, "were issued October 1, 1865, and withdrawn in February, 1869, having been used only in Chicago, Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin." Of the 1869 issue which recently had been retired, the observation is made: "The public feeling being wholly against them, on account of their small size, the government in 1870 authorized the company to prepare a new set and in the spring of 1870 (April) they produced an elaborate series." Mr. Nast speaks of the author of the article as anonymous; and while it is true that no name is attached to the sketch in the number in question, yet, in the index to the volume or "Contents of Volume XLIII, June to November, 1871," we find: "Postage Stamps and Their Origin (with 99 illustrations), James M. Chute." Mr. Chute was an active philatelist who was somewhat voluminous in his writing for the philatelic press and who otherwise was aggressive in his championing of philately during the years, 1865 to 1885, let us say. Mr. Chute was a resident of Boston and it is safe to say that the pioneer philatelists of this country remember him well.

A Raid or Two.—A ripple of excitement has been created by the seizure by secret service men who do not herald their coming, it may be surmised, of the stocks of unused postage due stamps, including the parcel post dues, and unused postal savings stamps that were found in the possession of the dealer. The authorities do not hesitate to confiscate these stamps as they claim that possession of them is *prima facie* evidence that irregularly attended their advent into the hands of collectors; and so the stamps are declared "contraband". Without really knowing anything about the reason for the activity of the department, we think that the report of the existence of unused specimens of the postal savings stamps that were available for collectors did something to instigate the raids.

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PERFORATED ISSUES OF HAWAII.

By C. A. HOWES.

I have chosen the above title for this article because the postal issues of this interesting foster-child of America seem to divide themselves naturally into two main groups, the imperforate and the perforated. The earlier issues, all imperforate, are the ones in which the specialist takes most delight on account of their rarity, the questions connected with their issue and use, the study they afford in minor varieties and the delights of plating. With the second group, all perforated—or intended to be—we come to the more prosaic issues, with few varieties, which through their abundance and comparatively low prices are more or less familiar to all collectors. The first group is ably treated by others whose researches in that field enable them to handle it properly and authoritatively. It is left to me to gather together such facts and notes of interest as are at hand concerning the second group which dates from the year 1864.

The letter ordering the first perforated stamp and fixing its design has been published in *Filatelie Facts and Fallacies*, and it seems interesting enough to reproduce here. It bears the date of November 4, 1863, and was written by Postmaster-General David Kalakaua (afterwards king) to Alvah K. Clark, a former Postmaster-General, who was then in New York:

This office being nearly out of 2-cent postage, I am desirous of procuring a fresh supply, and, thinking from your long connection with the postal affairs of this kingdom, that you would know just about what is wanted, I send you this order to have filled in New York, if it will not be too much trouble. The color and design of the new stamp I should like to have as near as possible the enclosed Nova Scotia stamp, but in place of "Nova Scotia" have the word and figures "2 Hawaii 2," and underneath "Elua Keneta" in the same style of lettering as the sample. I forward also a likeness of His Majesty for the center, which please have copied as correctly as possible; the one on the old stamp was not done well. If it will not be attended with much extra expense, I should like the sheets perforated, so as to avoid the inconvenience of separating them with shears. The number required will be 10,000 sheets, of 25 on a sheet, which when finished, have put up in a case, tightly soldered, and addressed to the Postmaster, Honolulu, care of McRuer & Merrill, San Francisco. I will send the cost of the above order, with your commissions, on the receipt of your bill. The die or plate I would like sent out with the stamps. As we are nearly out of the above stamps, an early reply will oblige.

The Nova Scotia stamp was, of course, the 10-cent vermilion of 1860, which those interested can readily look up if they desire to see how the order was carried out. The likeness on the old stamp referred to, which was unsatisfactory, was the portrait of King Kamehameha IV. on the 2-cent rose lithographed stamp of 1861, and a comparison of the two stamps does indeed show quite a little difference in the two portraits. But even the new one was not wholly satisfactory as an extract from another letter of Kalakaua's, on receipt of the stamps, testifies. This letter was dated June 24, 1864, and was written to the treasurer of the National Bank Note Company. It says:

I have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your favor of April 4th, and also the two cases of stamps mentioned therein. Though the likeness of His Majesty as given on the stamp is not good, yet in every other respect they proved quite satisfactory. You will please accept my thanks for the framed copy and portraits sent with them. The plate I should like retained in the hands of the company, subject to the order of the Postmaster-General here, as it will be convenient in case more impressions are required.

It will be seen by this letter, also, that the request for sending the dies and plates to the islands with the stamps was countermanded, and thus we may have missed some interesting varieties of this stamp due to local printings. It also gives the approximate date of issue of the stamp, which was some time in June, 1864. The order was filled by the National Bank Note Company and the 250,000 stamps delivered to Mr. Clark on April 2, 1864, but the exact date of their being placed on sale in Honolulu does not seem to be a matter of record.

King Kamehameha IV. did not enjoy seeing his features on this new stamp, for he died November 30, 1863, shortly after the date of the first letter we have quoted. He was only in his 30th year and had reigned about nine years, having succeeded his uncle, Kamehameha III., who figures on the two engraved stamps of 1853.

As the 2-cent stamp served for inter-island postage, it was, of course, much used, and subsequent requisitions brought the number issued up to 2,160,000 in 1875, when the design was changed. One sheet of fifty is said to have escaped the perforating machine, so that there have been at least that number of imperforate copies in existence.

Evidently the design was entirely satisfactory, for when the second requisition was sent for the 2 cents on April 26, 1865, a requisition for 200,000 stamps of 5 cents was included, the design to be the same, but the portrait to be that of the new king, Kamehameha V., a brother of the late king, and the color to be a dark blue. Of course, the inscription at the bottom was changed, as "elua keneta" is the native Kanaka dialect for "two cents," whereas the word for "five" is "elima." A second order was sent the next year, which made a total issue for this dark-blue stamp of 350,000; and this evidently lasted until 1881, the date of the next requisition, which changed the color to a light blue.

Although 1-cent stamps of the numeral type were printed at various times from 1859 to 1865, at least, they could not have been so very extensively employed or they would be much more common than we know them to be. They were intended to frank newspapers in the island. In 1870, however, an order for three new values was sent to the National Bank Note Company, one of which was for a 1-cent stamp in violet showing a full-face portrait of the Princess Victoria Kamamalu, who was a sister of both Kamehamehas IV. and V.

Besides the 1-cent the order included two new values, a 6-cent in green and an 18-cent in red. These two stamps were required to meet certain rates stipulated by a postal convention with the United States in 1870. The 6-cent bore a three-quarter face likeness of Kamehameha IV., with whose features we are already familiar, and the 18-cent

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Advertising Chat—No. 2.

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THE GOOD OLD "PENNY-RED."

By H. C. M.

My young affections began to twine about the "penny-red" about a year ago. A Western stamp-auctioneer gently guided my footsteps, through a seductive announcement in his catalogue of "penny-red plate numbers carefully selected and complete including No. 225," and I parted with about six dollars of my hard earned money for the same. Candor compels me to admit that the whole set is advertised in English stamp papers at about a fifth less.

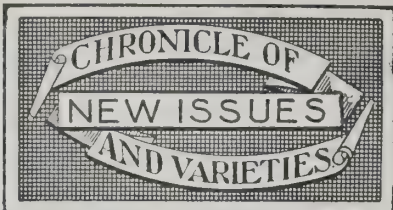
However, the serpent entered Eden and, through an "ad" in MEKEEL'S I sent to a well-known English dealer for a thousand of the labels, which cost me the enormous sum of sixty cents. With these I entered on a career of ecstatic philatelic dissipation: I soaked and I soaked and I sorted and I sorted,—and I have had more stamp-fun than I ever did over things that cost me many ducats.

The "penny-red" can be studied in a variety of ways. (1) for the plate numbers, which are small enough to stimulate curiosity and plain enough to reward it, (2) for the plating of the stamp by the corner letters, (3) for study of the post-marks, which are largely in numbers instead of names of places and are in bewildering variety and (4) for water-marks.

I found 83 different plate numbers out of 151, the number on the original sheet; 234 different letter varieties out of a possible 240 in the plate; 373 English cancellations, 19 Irish, 24 Scotch, 15 British used abroad, and 43 with the diamond postmark. I also found one stamp with the inverted water-mark. Scott's, Gibbons' and Bright's catalogues were sources of information for much that I wanted to know and for the cancellations I was lucky enough to come across "The Postmarks of the British Isles from 1840 to 1876," by John G. Hendy, a most interesting and valuable work.

What is the moral? Why this:—that there is just as much satisfaction for the medium collector in studying a common stamp like the "penny red," that can be bought in quantities cheaply, as there is in spending a good deal more money over the counter in buying single stamps needed to complete a set.

But to really get the good out of philately that there is in it one must (1) take a live paper like MEKEEL'S, (2) read the "ads" carefully and (3) form a library—it need not number more than twenty volumes—of those books that are comprehensive in their interest.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

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2506C	2c	D v.5	3	White	18	80					
—	1c	C v.1	8	White	20	59					
New Knives.		Die		Size.		Paper.		Wmk.		Kn.	
2679	2c	D v.5	11	White	18	88					
—	2c	A	2	White	19	89					
—	2c	E	13	Amber	19	89					
—	2c	B	5	Amber	20	87					
—	2c	E	5	Blue	20	87					

BRITISH COLONIES.—According to the *Colonial Journal*, various issues of the different colonies are again being printed on paper colored through. The list includes the following not previously chronicled:

Ceylon 2r on yellow.
East Africa and Uganda 25c on yellow.
Fiji Islands 1sh on green.
Jamaica 3d on yellow and 1sh on green.
Malta 1sh on green.

CANADA.—Gladstone Perry reports having seen the first specimens of the new Canadian Inland Revenue, War Tax, stamped paper. The stamp, which is embossed on a C.P.R. Pay Cheque in red, is in the form of an upright oval, with embossed white letters on red ground. At top of circle is "CANADA" over a crown, surmounting a curved line of caps, "INLAND REVENUE"; below this again, one word on each side, "WAR TAX"; under this is an embossed beaver over the words, TWO CENTS, surmounting a spray of five maple leaves and the control letters, in this case "A A".

CUBA.—*Champion's Bulletin* notes the issue of a new "Officially Sealed" stamp for Cuba.

Official Adhesive.

No value blue.

DENMARK.—Supplementing the note in No. 1286, W. T. Wilson has shown us the permanent type 80 ore stamp which was issued August 4. The design is the same as Scott's type A16. As noted in No. 1286, there was a second provisional issue, the 8 ore carmine official stamp being used. The surcharge shows a large "80 ore" in the center, with the inscriptions in the frame blocked out by "Danmark" at the top, "Post frim" at the bottom and chains of stars at the sides.

Provisional Adhesive.

"80 ore" on 8 ore carmine.

Adhesive.

80 ore blue green.

ECUADOR.—H. Chitraro submits a new stamp from Ecuador. The design and portrait are the same as the bi-colored issue of 1911-13, but the printing is in a single color, on white unwatermarked paper and perforated 12.

Adhesive.

5c purple.

HONDURAS.—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. has shown us a new official stamp from Honduras. The design shows a small horizontal oblong 22½ x 18, with "Correos de Honduras" above and "Centavos" below the vignette, in curved lines. The figures of value are in small squares at the sides. "U. P. U." and "1915" are printed very small in the top corners. The stamps lithographed on white unwatermarked paper and perforated 11½. The central vignette shows the "Teatro Bonilla." "Oficial" is overprinted in small type.

Official Adhesive.

5c blue; red overprint.

INDIA.—Kishengarh.—The *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung* reports the issue of two rupee values in the design of the current 2a stamp.

Adhesives.

1r lilac red.
5r brown.

PERSIA.—Our foreign contemporaries are illustrating the new series of stamps issued to commemorate the Coronation of the Sultan Ahmed Schah. There are three designs, the chahi values showing the imperial crown, the kran values, "Darius on his Throne", and the toman values the Gate of the Palace of Persepolis. The borders are highly Oriental in design, the kran values being in silver and the toman values in gilt. The chahi values are perforated 11 and the others 11 x 11½. As noted last week, full sets have been overprinted "Service" and "Colis Postaux."

Adhesives.

1c carmine and blue.
2c blue and carmine.
3c green.
5c red.
6c green and carmine.
9c brown and violet.
10c green and brown.
12c ultramarine.
24c brown red and brown.
1k brown and gray.
2k blue and carmine.
3k violet and brown.
5k brown and green.
1t violet and black.
2t green and brown.
3t claret and red brown.
5t blue and blue gray.

SOMALI COAST.—In No. 1280 we noted the issue of a Red Cross stamp for this Colony of a design not previously seen. *Maury's Collectionneur* now gives full particulars of the new series. The values from 10c to 75c inclusive are of the same design as the Red Cross stamp fully described in No. 1280. The lower centime values show a male native standing outside the door of a building and beating a drum, with a herd of goats in the distance at the left. The figure of value appears above the native's left shoulder. "R" and "F," "Postes," and the name of the Colony are arranged as in the other upright design. The franc values are a horizontal oblong, showing a railway viaduct, with a similar arrangement of the inscriptions as in the lower values, with an ornamental border of weapons and foliage, with the value in a shield at the bottom. There is also a Postage Due set, the main feature of the design being the figure of value in a colorless circle mounted on a trophy of native weapons. The border shows "R.F." at the top and "Cote Francaise" at the left and "Des Somalis" at the right.

Adhesives.

1c brown and lilac.
2c black and yellow.
4c rose and red brown.
5c green.
10c rose.
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War stamps and good stamps have kept things going through these terrible months. It is mainly the former that the trade has to thank as the latter seldom come on the market these days.

War has proved philately to be the greatest of all hobbies. Many a dealer has remarked to me how curious it is that as soon as our soldier and sailor heroes are home on leave they instantly find time to buy and take as great an interest as ever in their chosen hobby. Let us all show the same spirit! War provisionals are as popular as ever, and even one or two of the leading firms who looked down with scorn upon Togos, etc., have been compelled by public demand to stock and sell the historic provisionals which they first appeared to ignore? Togos remain the popular favourites, and it has been noticed that recently many collectors who previously banned these provisionals have now started to collect them; rightly realising that prices will never be lower than they are today. The provisionals of the present war will most certainly turn out very much better than they are today for the simple reason that they are being bought by genuine collectors and not by collector-speculators.

Red Cross issues are also in great demand, and many will turn out to be scarce stamps. I notice a certain dealer who has the first Belgian set of six varieties is asking 11sh per set. The Reunion black surcharge was on offer a few weeks ago at 3sh 6d—now the price is nearer 35sh!

There are few stamps which have received so much attention in the public press as the 1d on 1sh St. Vincent provisional. Whether or not this provisional was required I cannot say. All the writers, however, are quite wrong in one deduction: they all assure us that this stamp will come upon the market in large quantities at any moment. As I happen to know more than most people about this provisional I cannot accept this statement. The provisional was issued and a big speculation undoubtedly took place in the Island. Practically all these "holdings" have now been sold and the major portion is in the Credit Lyonnais vaults in Paris, and is not likely to come out for two or three years at the earliest; thus present prices are not likely to drop—the reverse being the probability.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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The fact that the United States Revenue Society held its convention in Springfield the same week that the Southern Philatelic Society met in Reading, Pa., prevented several members from being in attendance as did also the terrific downpour of rain that occurred on August 4, the day of the convention.

Aside from the local members, Messrs. Elliott of Winchendon and Sebbins of Worcester were the only outsiders present although J. F. Hoffstetter of Erie, Pa., arrived late that night having been held up 15 hours by a washout.

Vice President Stone presided and Howard Elliott acted as secretary. The secretary reported a membership of 113 and the treasurer a balance of \$83.58 with \$65.80 in the insurance fund.

Sales superintendent Emery reported very little business on account of the poor quality of sheets sent in for circulation. W. R. Ricketts reported excellent progress on the index to magazine articles on U. S. revenue stamps, which is to be published shortly as a handbook and also gave a report of the revenue literature of the year.

It was voted to make MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS the official journal of the society and to hold the next convention in Boston in connection with the American Philatelic Society.

The Board of Governors were instructed to secure a more appropriate design for our seal and a committee of three was authorized to report needed changes and modifications in our By-laws and to report same to the Board not less than 30 days prior to the next convention.

The new Board of Governors is as follows: President, William C. Stone; First Vice President, W. S. Aldrich; Second Vice President, J. D. Bartlett; Secretary, Walter E. Goodwin; Treasurer, H. S. Ackerman.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We are advised that mail matter intended for Branch 5, A. P. S., should be addressed to Room 715, McGee Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. The local societies have consolidated and now meet twice a month at the place indicated.

—Charles Roemer, San Antonio, Tex., has just been elected Sales Superintendent of the Texas Philatelic Association, having recently retired from the management of the sales department of the S. P. A., after eight years of service. The fact that Mr. Roemer has accepted this position will work out to the material advantage of this old state organization which has seen twenty years of active service for the advancing of philately.

—We have received the initial number of the *Poster Stamp Bulletin*, the official organ of the Poster Stamp Exchange Society. L. A. Beebe, Yonkers, N. Y., is the managing editor and the unique form and interesting contents of this magazine will appeal strongly to those who are interested in the poster stamp hobby. We feel sure that a sample copy will be gladly sent any interested parties.

—We note by an English paper just at hand that Mr. Whitfield King of the firm of Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England, recently entertained at his residence on Lacey St., fifty-two wounded soldiers from the hospitals in and around Ipswich. A very elaborate and pleasing entertainment was given and nothing was omitted that would add to the pleasure and comfort of those present.

—We have received a handbook "Notes on Controls," covering the British stamps issued during the Victorian period, 1834-1900. The book is written by Reginald B. Rowell and is reprinted from *Stamp Collecting*. It is

No. 4 in the series of handbooks issued by this publication and will be followed by another book dealing with the stamps of Edward and George. The price of the book is 12c.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Grant L. Paul, H. W. Litten, E. W. Bridge (2), A. J. Seebach, Joseph W. Beggs (9), J. B. Parker, J. L. Weber and Herman W. Boers.

—The WEEKLY has been elected the official journal of the United States Revenue Society. An account of the annual meeting appears in this issue and the reports of the Secretary will be published from time to time. We bespeak for this society a proper measure of support, having as it does for its object the stimulating of an interest in the collecting of our revenue issues.

—Our thanks are tendered A. W. Dunning for a picture postcard showing his home at "Wildacres," Wilton, N. H. Through Mr. Dunning's activity in dealing and exchange circles he has become well known to many of our readers.

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PERFORATED ISSUES HAWAII.

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a full-face portrait of His Highness, M. Kekuanooa, whose principal claim to fame was that he was custodian of the king's spittoon! The following clipping from the Boston *Globe* tells the whys and wherefores of this peculiar position:

One of the tenets of the ancient Hawaiian faith was that the saliva of the sovereign was sacred, and that if necromancers ever got possession of any part of it, they could, with the aid of it, offer incantations that would result in deplorable cataclysms to the nation. Hence the important office of the king's spittoon bearer, whose fidelity insured that every vestige of royalty's expectoration should be buried by night with the most profound secrecy lest the native priests should be able to secure the means for practicing their dreaded diabolism.

The venerable gentleman held his position under Kamehameha I. and married a daughter of that monarch; and three of his children we have already become acquainted with under the names of Kamehameha IV. and V. and the Princess Victoria.

Both the 6-cent and 18-cent were called for in several requisitions up to 1879, by which time 725,000 of the former and 175,000 of the latter had been delivered and apparently served all needs until the establishment of the republic. In the case of the 6-cent, we find one sheet of fifty which escaped perforation, and this interesting account of it was published in the *Pacific Commercial Advertiser* in describing the collection of Mr. T. G. Thrum, of Honolulu:

"The 6-cent green, imperforate, is a remarkable and valuable stamp. This issue was run off in the '70's during the régime of S. G. Wilder as Minister of the Interior and Mr. Brickwood as Postmaster-General. The 6-cent green issue had been ordered perforated, and when a few imperforate stamps of the same issue put in appearance, Postmaster Brickwood immediately instituted an investigation. He was confident that a forgery had been committed. A diligent search revealed the fact that an imperforate sheet had gotten into the issue in some manner and that it had been sent out by Mr. Brickwood to the postmaster at Honokaa, Hawaii. The broken sheet was sent back to Mr. Brickwood, who divided the stamps among the collectors gathering stamps in Honolulu at that time.

Who wouldn't have been a friend of Mr. Brickwood's just then?

On looking up the number of the 1-cent issued we find the curious practice of the Hawaiian Postal Department in later years of keeping on hand a stock of obsolete issues. While the 1-cent purple was the only one in use, there were four regular requisitions for the stamp, aggregating 525,000 copies, the last being in 1878. In 1881 the design was changed to the blue stamp bearing the portrait of the Princess Likelike. The requisition for this stamp is dated September 22, 1881, and calls for 50,000 in blue. The next requisition is dated April 10, 1882, and calls for 125,000 in green. The third requisition is dated December 22, 1882, and calls for 25,000 blue ones again; while the fourth requisition of July 30, 1884, orders both, 25,000 blue and 225,000 green. Both are ordered in subsequent requisitions up to the time of the change in government, but the green ones always in larger numbers. In 1885 the purple 1-cent of 1871 was also included and in five requisitions thereafter, so that the total number printed of this stamp amounted to 687,500. The shade of violet varies much, as is usual with stamps of this color, so that it is hard to tell if there may have been much difference in the earlier and later printings by which they might be distinguished.

David Kalakaua, a grand-nephew of Kamehameha I., was elected to fill the then vacant throne on February 12, 1874.

We have already heard of him as Postmaster-General, and now that he assumed regal dignity, his portrait must needs appear in the postal issues. The 2-cent value was selected and ordered in 1874, being placed on sale early in 1875. It was printed in dark brown and was intended to supersede the 2-cent vermilion. Up to 1882, when the color was changed, there had been printed 3,500,000; but, as in the case of the 1-cent violet, there were subsequent orders, which brings the total up to 3,600,000. As in the 2-cent of 1864, one sheet slipped through without perforations, and this adds a variety.

With the requisition for the new 2-cent was another for a 12-cent, needed to meet the requirements of a convention with the New South Wales Government in 1874. Of these, 225,000 in all were printed. They bear the portrait of Prince Leleiohoku, a younger brother of King Kalakaua and heir apparent to the throne.

These two stamps were ordered from the American Bank Note Company, which printed all subsequent issues for the islands.

We have already spoken of the new 1-cent of 1882, with the portrait of the Princess Likelike, who was a younger sister of King Kalakaua. This design, both in blue and green, continued in use up to the change in government, and the numbers printed were respectively 275,500 of the blue ones, and 2,250,000 of the green.

In 1882 also we have the 2-cent brown of 1875 changed to rose. The first printing was in lilac rose and consisted of 750,000 stamps. The later issues, amounting to 6,275,000 were in the rose shade. The 5-cent dark blue had also run out and the new supply was ordered in light blue, of which in all 2,137,500 were printed. Both the 2-cent rose and the 5-cent light blue are known imperforate, and the latter imperforate horizontally, but how many of each is not known.

As Hawaii joined the Postal Union on January 1, 1882, the increased need of 5-cent stamps was apparent, and evidently stamps for double and triple rate letters were thought desirable, for 10-cent and 15-cent stamps were also ordered. The former, in black, shows a full-face portrait of King Kalakaua in uniform, and the latter, in brown, a portrait of his consort, Queen Kapiolani.

The usual reprinting occurred with the 10-cent, of which 200,000 in all were delivered, but for the 15-cent only two requisitions were made, amounting to 75,000, which accounts for its relative scarcity.

Changes now being the order of the day, we find in 1883 the 10-cent appearing in a bright red, and the 12-cent in mauve, for cancellations did not show well on these two in their previous somber hue. Of the 10-cent, 87,500 were printed, and of the 12-cent but 37,500.

At the same time that these changes took place, a need for higher values seemed to be felt, and the result was three additional stamps, the 25-cent bearing a representation of the statue of Kamehameha I. in Honolulu, the 50-cent a portrait of King Lunalilo, and the \$1 a portrait of Queen Emma. Kamehameha I., also called "The Great," became ruler of the western part of the Island of Hawaii in 1781, three years after the "rediscovery" of the islands by Captain Cook. With the aid of the newly arrived Europeans, he made himself master of the whole group in 1809 and reigned for ten years thereafter, with much credit to himself and benefit to his people.

King Lunalilo, a descendant of Kamehameha I., succeeded Kamehameha V., who died in December, 1872. He reigned but a little over a year, dying on January 3, 1874. Nine days later, Kalakaua, as previously stated, was elected to the vacant throne.

Queen Emma was the consort of King Kamehameha IV., and a beautiful woman, both in feature and character, being almost idolized by the natives.

Fifty thousand of each of the three high values were ordered, and subsequently an additional 50,000 of the \$1. This extra order was probably due to

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the use of the \$1 stamp for revenue purposes as well as for postage. In 1886 the Legislature passed a bill licensing the sale of opium, and instead of providing a revenue stamp of \$1 to meet the requirements of the new law, they used the postage stamp of that value, as there were plenty on hand. It was so used for about two years, and can be readily distinguished by its cancellation, which is the name of the Collector of Customs written or stamped across it, or a Maltese cross in purple ink. The number so used I am unable to state.

In 1884, the 10-cent was again changed in color to brown, and of these 562,500 were printed.

In 1890, when on a trip to the United States, King Kalakaua was taken sick and died in San Francisco, January 30th. His remains were conveyed back to Honolulu in a warship. Having no issue, he was succeeded on the throne by his sister, Queen Liliuokalani, and this resulted in the substitution of her portrait in place of the late king's on the current 2-cent stamp. Of the new 2-cent violet with her likeness, 2,500,000 were delivered, and the only variety represented is an imperforate one. This was the last stamp issued by the kingdom.

I neglected to mention the later requisitions for the 2-cent vermilion of 1864 and the 5-cent dark blue of 1865 when speaking of those stamps, because such a length of time elapsed before what were virtually reprints were ordered—in the case of the 2-cent twelve years, and of the 5-cent twenty-four years. This difference of time produced differences in the later stamps which readily distinguish them from the earlier ones. In color, the earlier 2-cent shows distinctly the yellow in it, while the later stamp shows the red more decidedly. The earlier 5-cent was an indigo with a slightly greenish tinge, but the later one has no suggestion of green. The paper also serves to distinguish the two printings, for the earlier stamps are on a slightly thinner paper with a yellowish cast, and the later ones on a pure white paper, slightly thicker. The number of the re-issues was 125,000 of the 2-cent and 62,500 of the 5-cent, and it was these re-issues only which were overprinted in 1893.

Queen Liliuokalani had held the reins of government but two years when she made an attempt to force the Cabinet to grant a new constitution giving greater powers to the sovereign and the natives. She not only failed, but was deposed in consequence, and a Provisional Government was formed to last until political union with the United States had been effected. The new government had the stock of stamps then on hand overprinted "Provisional Govt., 1893" in three lines, the following notice concerning them being put in all the newspapers and posted in the offices:

NOTICE.

The new surcharged stamps of the Provisional Government will be on sale at the post office on or about May 20, 1893, after which date the present issue, and sale of same, will cease, and none of the old issue will be thereafter sold for postal purposes.

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3k maroon and gray green on pink	.06
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10k dark blue and brown on white	.20

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1k red brown and dark green on straw	.02
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the 12-cent mauve. Only a third of the stock of this stamp was first used, and the surcharge printed in black. The demand was such, however, that the order to surcharge the remaining stock was sent to the printers, who executed it in red by mistake, and we thus have the curious spectacle of the error being more common than the correct type. Two other errors of note were the black surcharge on the 6-cent and the red surcharge on the 10-cent brown, which have only lately been chronicled or even seen in this country. The following two affidavits, however, should clear up all doubts of their authenticity:

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I hereby certify that there was one sheet (fifty stamps) of 10-cent red-brown postage stamps surcharged in red ink (Provisional Govt., 1893) by error, and duly issued to the postmaster at Kahuku, Island of Oahu, Republic of Hawaii.

(Signed) L. T. KENAKE,
Clerk in Charge Stamp Division,
Republic of Hawaii.
Subscribed and sworn to before me }
this 1st of July, A. D., 1901.
(Signed) R. C. A. PETERSON,
Notary Public.

HAWAIIAN POSTAL SERVICE,
GENERAL POSTOFFICE,
HONOLULU, June 29, 1901.

I hereby certify that there was one sheet of 6-cent green postage stamps, surcharged in black ink (Provisional Govt., 1893) by error, and duly issued to the post-office at Honolulu, Republic of Hawaii.

(Signed) L. T. KENAKE,
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By C. A. HOWES.

Inverted surcharges have been found on the 2-cent rose of 1883, the 2-cent violet of 1891 and the 5-cent light blue of 1882, though it is believed but one sheet of each was so printed. Double surcharges have been found on over half the set, and even a pair of the 1-cent green with one stamp surcharged and the other not—probably the result of a sheet shifting in the press.

As for varieties in the setting, there are few of importance. The first impression lacked a period after "Govt." on the first stamp of the second horizontal row from the top. This omission occurs on all the values first operated upon by the printers, but was then corrected and does not appear on other values surcharged later. A few sheets of the 1-cent purple were printed without any "3" in the date on the third stamp of the bottom row, and a few of the 2-cent violet in which the "9" has slipped out of the date.

The number of stamps surcharged will be found in the table at the end of this article.

In October, 1893, the Post-office Department put this notice in the *Commercial Advertiser* of Honolulu:

Hawaiian Postal Service.—Designs for a new issue of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25 cent postage stamps will be received at this office on or before November 1, 1893, at noon.

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Postmaster-General.

This competition resulted in the selection of a set submitted by Mr. E. W. Holdsworth, of Honolulu. The designs were sent to the American Bank Note Company in November, and the beautiful set issued on February 28, 1894. A 12-cent stamp was added to the set on October 27, 1894. This stamp is inscribed "Republic of Hawaii," as, having failed in their attempt to be annexed to the United States, a republic was declared on July 4, 1894. The set is too familiar to need description except for

remarking that the statue on the 5-cent is of Kamehameha I., the same as upon the 25-cent of 1883; the view on the 2-cent is of Honolulu; the steamship *Arawa* of the Canadian-Australian line is shown on the 12-cent; and the portrait on the 25-cent that of Sanford B. Dole, the head of the Provisional Government, President of the Republic, and later Governor of the Territory of Hawaii.

The numbers printed of these stamps were:—1-cent, 2,500,000; 2-cent, 5,000,000; 5-cent, 2,187,500; 10-cent, 312,500; and 125,000 each of the 12-cent and 25-cent.

As usual, the old stamps continued to be sold at the post-office when asked for until the following official decree determined their fate:

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Approved this 27th day of May, A. D. 1896.

SANFORD B. DOLE,

President of the Republic of Hawaii.

The plates and dies of all these old issues had already met their fate when, on March 27, 1894, on the order of the Hawaiian Government and in the presence of the Hawaiian Consul-General and the officers of the American Bank Note Company, twenty plates for postage stamps, three plates for postal cards, twenty dies for postage stamps, three dies for postal cards, five dies for envelopes and twenty-eight electrotypes

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Pursuant to the decree above quoted, the sale of all obsolete issues ceased with the year 1896, and, "on January 5, 1897, in accordance with the Joint Resolution, the President appointed a commission consisting of Messrs. J. H. Soper, Walter M. Giffard and F. L. Stolz, giving them authority to supervise, with the Minister of Finance and Postmaster-General, the enumeration and destruction of all stamps of the issues referred to and which remained on hand December 31, 1896." (W. M. Giffard, in *American Journal of Philately*.)

The inventory was made on January 27th, and the destruction took place on the morning of the 28th, the following account of the affair appearing in that evening's edition of the *Honolulu Evening Bulletin*:

"Postmaster-General Oat, with his usual thoughtfulness, extended an invitation to the *Bulletin* to send a representative to witness the burning of the stamps authorized to be destroyed by the last Legislature. The method adopted for their destruction was fire, and the scene the furnaces of the Electric Light Works. The stamps, envelopes and postal cards doomed to destruction were enclosed in new white canvas mailbags, tied and sealed, and were taken from the post-office in an ordinary express wagon, being, however, carefully watched by two or three postal employees.

"Gathered in front of the furnaces in the boiler room of the Electric Light Station were Messrs. F. L. Stolz, W. M. Giffard and J. H. Soper, a special committee of three appointed by Minister Damon to attend to and verify the work of destruction. Minister Damon and Postmaster-General Oat were present in their official capacities. Superintendent Hoffman attended to the fires, while Louis Kenake threw the packages into the four mouths of the big furnace, as rapidly as careful incineration would admit. Another interested spectator was Stanley Gibbons, Esq., the head of the great London philatelic firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, the largest dealer of stamps in the world, who is in Honolulu on his second tour of the world.

"It was curious to watch through the open doors of the furnace how the different packages acted when thrown on the bed of red-hot coals. The envelopes seemed to give up without a struggle, the forced draught drawing them apart and scattering them all over the furnace. The postal cards, being heavier, did not succumb so rapidly. Now and again the draught would pick up a bunch and scatter them to their fate, but, as a rule, they stayed where they were thrown until there was a sudden upheaval of feathery ashes in their places. The stamps fought bravely for their existence. They refused to be separated and died locked in a gummy embrace. The heat melted the mucilage on the stamps and the bundles soon looked like partly charred pieces of wood. They had to give up, after repeated stirring and raking, and soon there was not a vestige of the lot to be seen among the live coals.

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At this time, or rather about the middle of January, 1897, the Foreign Office of the Republic was supplied with a set of six values for use on official correspondence. The stamps bore the likeness of Mr. Lorrin A. Thurston, who had served as a Cabinet Minister under both King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani, and afterwards represented the Republic as its Minister in Washington. Their use continued until August 12, 1898, when the formal transfer of the islands to the United States took place, but their sale ceased on July 16th. Just before annexation a speculator made an offer to the Government to take all the Foreign Office stamps on hand at the time of annexation at their face value. This offer was accepted and the remainders thus purchased consisted of 6,100 2-cent, 22,450 5-cent, 3,150 6-cent, 36,050 10-cent, 4,250 12-cent and 4,300 25-cent. The original quantities of the stamps were 10,000 each of the 2, 6, 12 and 25-cent, and 50,000 each of the 5 and 10-cent.

The regular postage stamps did not go out of use with the annexation of the islands, but remained in use while the status of the former Republic was being settled by Congress. During this time, the 1, 2 and 5-cent stamps were changed to the Postal Union colors, forming a sort of provisional colonial issue, the 2-cent appearing in rose on February 2, 1899, the 1-cent in green in May and the 5-cent in blue (with the word "cents" at the bottom) in July.

The quantities of these issues were as follows:—1 cent, 2,187,500; 2 cents, 2,500,000; 5 cents, 1,250,000.

The islands were finally admitted to the body politic of the United States as a Territory and the ordinary American stamps were then substituted for the Hawaiian. I have been unable to find the date on which the Hawaiian stamps became unavailable for postage, but, if I mistake not, it was some time in 1900. At any rate a lengthy period was given in which all those possessing Hawaiian stamps might have them exchanged for American, and this offer was closed on January 14, 1901. The stamps which had been turned in were then shipped to the Post-office Department at Washington, where they were counted and verified, and on Saturday, February 9, 1901, were fed to the special furnace used for such purposes in the building.

There were, of course, no provisional stamps in the lot, but it contained both colors of the 1, 2 and 5 cent stamps. The total number destroyed is given as follows, all being the Republic's issues:

- 1-cent, 51,012 stamps.
- 2-cent, 125,506 stamps.
- 5-cent, 42,225 stamps.
- 10-cent, 81,160 stamps.
- 12-cent, 18 stamps.
- 25-cent, 6,862 stamps.

With this closed the philatelic history of Hawaii.

I am greatly indebted for matter contained in the above article to "Giffard's Catalogue of Hawaiian Stamps" and Kenyon's History of the same. Also, to the late Mr. G. D. Gilman, formerly Consul of Hawaii, in Boston, several articles in the *American Journal of Philately* and Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal*, and the "Check List," by C. F. Richards in the *American Philatelist*.

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We are indebted to W. F. Slusser, the efficient secretary of the A. S. D. A., for a photograph of the members of the Association who were present at the A. P. S. convention at San Francisco. It will be of more than ordinary interest to our many subscribers from the fact that during the past months they have been in close touch with members of the group. We commend this Association to all dealers as worthy of their membership and support.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The Minnesota State Fair, Sept. 11, will see introduced the first aeroplane postal service in the northwest, when two aviators will each carry a sack of mail from the grandstand to the nearest postoffice.—Clipping from H. M. NORTON.

—Our attention is called to the fact that the 1c Canada King George has been seen with the same hair-lines of color as are found on the 2c value. We do not recall that this has been chronicled previously and we are indebted to Geo. H. Bochoven for the information.

—As will be seen by an advertisement elsewhere in this issue, L. L. Albright of Rochester, N. Y., is now located in Detroit, Mich., where he is the secretary of the Michigan Zinc Coat Co.

—Stamps of Marshall Islands, German New Guinea and Samoa with counterfeit G. R. I. surcharges are being offered in San Francisco. H. W. Doscher & Co. write us to this effect. Collectors will do well to exercise care in the purchase of these stamps.

—Karl Baumann informs us that his name was incorrectly spelled as "Bowman" in the official matter of the International Precancel Club published August 28.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

A Real Discovery—It is not often that we have the unctuous satisfaction of proclaiming to the philatelic world the existence of two United States stamps that hitherto have been unknown to collectors but we now have the opportunity to indulge in a little orgy of gratification and glorification. While we may not have aided, by courtesy, we might have been said to have abetted in the discovery of two "new" U. S. internal revenue stamps, the "1 pint" red and the "1 quart" blue "Imitation Sparkling Wine" stamps, "series of 1912." The stamps are beautifully line-engraved and measure six and one-quarter inches long and five-eighths inch wide, in their printed design. The stamps are rouletted and come in sheets of twenty stamps or two panes of ten stamps each, attached side by side. The outside end of the stamps is not rouletted and there is a guide arrow half-way down the side margin. The words: "Imitation Sparkling Wine," are in large blank letters extending over four inches hori-

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zontally in the center of the stamps; and at right of this legend, in much smaller letters, is: "Series of 1912" and at left, "Act of June 6, 1872." In a circular scroll in the center is, "U. S. Int." (above) and "Revenue," (below). At either end is the "value," vertically, "1 pint" (or 1 quart). The pint represents a ten cents tax and the quart, one of twenty cents. These stamps are striking additions to our revenue stamps and their history is of engrossing interest, possessing as it does, an element almost of mystery.

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The Story—The advent of the two stamps under notice on the philatelic horizon is due to the persistence and pertinacity of Mr. Roscoe L. Wickes of Chicago, a collector of many years' experience. Mr. Wickes specializes in U. S., with particular attention to the revenue issues. Several years ago, Mr. Wickes, who was in the drug business, noticed casually, an "imitation wine" stamp on a product that was seeking a market and which was made in Chicago. Contrary to his expectations at the time, Mr. Wickes did not see the stamp again; and he forgot about it until the new issues of revenues sharpened his interest in all the stamps under this category. Proceeding astutely at his task, Mr. Wickes finally found, after a wearisome search through records that he was able to gain access to, the manufacturer for whom the stamps were made and who ordered only one lot of the stamps. After allaying the suspicions of the maker, Mr. Wickes got the dolorous story, which was one that the merchant preferred to forget. The "near wine" was not a success; and further it was the source of much worry to its originator. First, the revenue office had to order special stamps for the imitation; and that meant much delay but finally the stamps came. With sadly shaken faith, the "imitation," etc., in circus letters having given his fond hopes a body blow, the exploiter tried to market his beverage,—and it fell flat. The great public, it was averred, would not buy so palpable an imitation; and to dispense with details intervening, not a stamp even, remained to serve as crepe for the business funeral.

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The Worries of Wickes—A fresh breath was taken by Mr. Wickes; and he bent his back to the stamp man's burden. The local revenue office was averse to sending in a requisition for the stamps and so, Mr. Wickes applied to Washington. Washington said that the stamps were on hand and asked Mr. Wickes what he wanted the stamps for; and the information was returned that he desired them for collecting purposes. It was then said that the stamps might be ordered but only by a manufacturer that had a rectifier's license; and Mr. Wickes succeeded in having this requirement obeyed. Then, the local office knowing that the stamps were for collecting purposes, refused to order any but full sheets as there was no demand for the stamps and no remainders were wished to be carried from year to year. It was ascertained that the denominations were ten and twenty cents and that there were twenty stamps in each sheet; and so, the transaction was finally consummated after a more or less decent delay. Mr. Wickes has the stamps and he has earned them.

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What of Bill—From Bridgeport, Ohio, Mr. Philip F. Mayer writes of Bill Bloss: "I have imagined Bill in various forms, black haired and bald, pretty and ugly, etc. There must be some joke about it that I haven't heard; and anyway, I think it would be very easy for

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Much Marked—A reader shows us a cover that holds a record for censorship. The letter which originated in Danzig, Germany, is addressed to an occupant of a prison camp in Kingston, Jamaica. On the envelope there are the markings applied at Danzig, the English "Passed Censor" and the Post Free P. C. Prisoner of War impressions; and on the reverse flap is the Kaiserliches Postamt label. Moreover, the German stamp is practically wholly removed by the English censor in order, no doubt, to intercept any clandestine correspondence under the stamp a la the famous "hunger cry."

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Business View—One of our foremost dealers, Mr. John A. Klemann, New York, who attended the convention at San Francisco, expresses himself as well satisfied with prospects commercially. The results of his observation have been such as to impel him to regard the impending season with "quiet confidence," as they are supposed to say in the circles of big business. Moreover, Mr. Klemann, who has been buying choice offering when occasion permitted, is inclined to think that the quantity of exceptionally good stamps that has come on the market is smaller than was anticipated at the beginning of the summer months. However, Mr. Klemann's serenity of mind is caused to some extent by his purchase of the general issue volume of Mr. H. J. Crocker's wonderful United States collection while at San Francisco in competition with several other large dealers. Further, Mr. Klemann was enabled to add a few items to his truly great collection of Confederate general issues in the course of his travels.

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Various—It looks as though the authorities were not to be weaned away from the new perforation 10, notwithstanding that objections against the general adoption of the big perforation have been registered by postal clerks and others. For instance, all the new eleven cent stamps that we have seen thus far are perforated 10 and Mr. R. J. Wagner, Fostoria, Ohio, says that his office has received the two cent red due in this size perforation. He adds that all the one cent dues in the shipment were the green parcel post issue. Split stamps are coming on mail from Honduras and we notice a new surcharged envelope in the mail from Chile, the five centavos gray stamped envelope with the overprint: "Diez Centavos," with "10" over the numeral 5, at either side.

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THE THIRD ISSUE.

The third issue, if we rely on the catalogues for chronological order, consists of a number of provisionals issued by the German post office at Tientsin. Writing with regard to these stamps in *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly*, Mr. W. P. Barnsdall says:—

For some time discredit was thrown upon their bona fides, but they are undoubtedly all right. It appears that the field post offices of the German forces at the time of the Boxer troubles had a supply of the "Germania" stamps. When the forces were withdrawn, the remainder of this supply was distributed amongst the North China offices. The postmaster at Tientsin felt it his duty to overprint these with the word "China" to prevent speculation. The nominal value of the Chinese dollar as regards the sale of German stamps was M.2.50, but as the actual value was only about M.2., a considerable profit could be effected by buying the said stamps without overprint and using them for remittances to Germany.

The above sounds plausible enough, but the *Monthly Journal* in first chronicling the stamps in April, 1901, gives another version of the story, viz:—

A correspondent, writing from Tientsin on February 16th, tells us that the new stamps with the overprint "China" impressed at Berlin, had not reached that place at that date, but that unsurcharged stamps had been sent out there and had been overprinted on the spot with a rubber handstamp. He sends us a copy of the 3pf thus treated, the surcharge being similar in type to that previously employed, and struck diagonally, but much less clear and black; he states that the 50pf was overprinted in November last, and the stock of that value was exhausted, but that the 3, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 80 pfennig were still on hand. The unsurcharged stamps were being used at the German Post Office at Pekin. There seems to be no special need for these surcharges at all.

The account given by Mr. Barnsdall, therefore, can hardly be correct. To start with, it is not likely any German forces were withdrawn at the time these stamps were issued (November, 1900). The allied forces did not succeed in relieving the besieged foreigners in Pekin until August 14th, 1900, and they did not leave that city again until peace was signed on September 7, 1901. Tientsin

was one of the places at which heavy fighting took place and this was established as a base when the march on Pekin went forward. It is probable; therefore, that the base Field post office was under the general charge of the Tientsin postmaster, and that official, in an excess of officious zeal, caused the unsurcharged stamps with which the field post office was supplied to be overprinted "China" in the same manner as the previous set. The total quantities issued with this local surcharge are given as follows by Mr. Barnsdall:—

3pf brown, 1,000—ten sheets.
5pf green, 2,000—twenty sheets.
10pf carmine, 4,000—forty sheets.
20pf blue, 2,000—twenty sheets.
30, 50 and 80pf, 300 (three sheets) of each.

Judging by catalogue quotations, there is something wrong with the above figures, for the 10pf is priced higher than the 3pf, although four times as many are supposed to have been issued.

The 25 and 40pf and 2 and 3 marks are also known with this overprint, but these do not appear to have been issued at Tientsin at all. *Gibbons' catalogue* says, "the surcharge is known inverted on the 50 and 80pf." All the other values have also been reported with inverted overprint in the *Monthly Journal* from time to time, and all but the 3pf and 20pf are listed in this state in *Scott's catalogue*. This latter work also lists the 30pf with double surcharge.

Reference List.

November (?) 1900. German stamps of 1900 overprinted "China" at Tientsin in black.
8. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 317.
9. 5pf green, Scott's No. 318.
10. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 319.
11. 20pf blue, Scott's No. 320.
12. 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 321.
13. 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 322.
14. 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 323.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

When the Germania design made its appearance in 1900, it was decided to overprint the series for use in the various foreign post offices and though supplies were expected at the different offices in China, it is evident from the paragraph quoted from the *Monthly Journal* in connection with the local provisionals of Tientsin that none were issued in China until 1901, notwithstanding the fact that the catalogues give 1900 as the date of issue. When they were actually issued I have been unable to trace, but it seems probable they were on sale, at some offices at any rate, in March, 1901.

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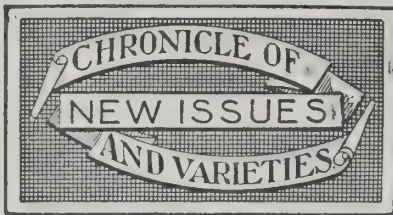
The overprint is simple, consisting merely of the name "China", applied horizontally in black (except the 3 mark, on which it is in red) in much smaller type than used for the 1897 issue. Both types of the 5 marks stamp were overprinted.



Reference List.

1901. Stamps of the 1900 issue of Germany overprinted in black or red.
- 3pf brown, Scott's No. 324.
 - 5pf green, Scott's No. 325.
 - 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 326.
 - 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 327.
 - 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 328.
 - 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 329.
 - 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 330.
 - 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 331.
 - 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 332.
 - 1m carmine, Scott's No. 333.
 - 2m blue, Scott's No. 334.
 - 3m violet black, Scott's No. 336.
 - 5m black and lake, Scott's No. 335 or 335a.

(To be continued.)



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES—Additional varieties in the new envelopes are chronicled through the courtesy of J. M. Bartels.

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2395b	1c	Cv.2	Amber	17	59
2482A	1c	Cv.2	Amber	18	59
2612C	2c	Dv.5	Buff	17	92

New Watermarks (1915).

1c	Cv.1	White	19	59
2c	A	Buff	19	51
2c	A	Blue	19	89
2c	E	Amber	19	87
2c	E	Blue	19	89
2c	A	White	20	51
2c	A	White	20	83
2c	B	Amber	20	89
2c	E	White	20	91

Change Bartels' No. 2405 to 2502.

We are also indebted to D. D. Berolzheimer, Kendall P. Smith and R. J. Tarry for items regarding new envelopes, which have been included in the lists printed in recent weeks.

William F. Works submits a block of four of the current 2c stamps, with the design showing through from the back, and reports having seen a whole sheet showing the same peculiarity. Mr. Works says pertinently that these should be noted by Scott, as well as Newfoundland, No. 110.

BOSNIA—W. L. Aldrich & Co. have shown us the full set of war stamps of the design of 1912 series, but with "K. u. K. Feld Post" at the top instead of "K. u. K. Militar". Values and colors are the same as the 1912 series.

CANADA—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred sends the following list of King George post cards, which are nine in number:

- 1c green; English inscription only.
- 1c green; bi-lingual.
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- 2c red; bi-lingual.
- 2c red; English inscription only.
- 2c blue; Postal Union.
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COSTA RICA—A. C. Roessler shows us a new series of Postage Due stamps, lithographed for this country by the American Bank Note Co., as the imprint below the design indicates. All values are of the same design, the main feature being large colorless figures of value in recessed circles with a broad band as a border. "Multa—Republica de—Costa Rica" is printed in an oblong space at the top; the values in words in a small curved line across the lower part of the central circle, and "Centimos" across the bottom of the stamp. The stamps are printed on white, unwatermarked paper and perforated 12. The size is the same as the current postage set.

Postage Due Adhesives.

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- 4c blue.
- 8c green.
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5c carmine; on white, blue lined.

DUTCH INDIES—W. L. Aldrich & Co. have shown us the three Red Cross stamps noted last week.

NEW ZEALAND—Some time since MEKEEL's printed an illustration of the design of new stamps of New Zealand, with portrait of King George. For

some reason the date of issue was postponed from time to time, but the closing days of July saw the full set on sale at the Dominion postoffices. We have been shown a full set by Frank P. Brown & Co. As previously announced, the 1d is unchanged, the "Universal Postage" design of 1909 being retained for that value. The new design suggests the early line-engraved Queen's Head stamps of Great Britain, with the name of the Colony at the top and the value at the bottom in words. The stamps are printed on white paper.

Adhesives.

- 1/2d green.
- 1 1/2d blue gray.
- 2d purple.
- 2 1/2d slate blue.
- 3d brown violet.
- 4d orange.
- 4 1/2d myrtle green.
- 6d carmine.
- 7 1/2d red brown.
- 9d olive.
- 1sh vermilion.

NORTH BORNEO—Frederick J. Rider has shown us a vertical pair of the 12c of 1909, imperforate between. This is not mentioned in either Scott or Gibbons.

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE—The Colonial Journal reports that a 2d stamp is being prepared for this Protectorate.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS—Frank P. Brown & Co. have shown us the \$2 printed on yellow paper colored through as recently noted.

VENEZUELA—Elliott Perry writes as follows: "In re your recent chronicle of the new 50c purple Venezuela would advise that the 75c and One Bolivar are now also in use. The 75c is greenish blue and the 1 Bol. is black. Both are very similar to the 50c, differing chiefly in the ornamentation and arrangement of the inscription 'Correos E. E. U. U. de Venezuela'. Both have same portrait of Bolivar in circle. These are more properly the completion of the current set than a new set as no values above 25c have been in use since the 5-10-25c with three-fourths portrait of Bolivar came out.

Adhesives.

- 75c greenish blue.
- 1b black.

COMMUNICATIONS.

WASH., D. C., Sept. 4, '15.

To the Editor:—

I am a stamp collector of many years' standing and appreciate very much reading your valuable magazine.

I am sincerely sorry, however, to read in P. M. Mann's report of the recent Reading Convention of August 28th, in your last edition, no less than seven different paragraphs referring to drinking and drunkenness at said convention. While I don't believe that Mr. Mann expected or desired to be taken seriously regarding his allegations of drinking bouts, his constant allusions to boozing at the convention are distasteful to all clean minded persons, whether prohibitionists or not.

Therefore, I register an earnest, tho courteous, kick against any further advertising of the liquor drinking exploits of any of our philatelic friends in our journal.

Doubtless, a majority of your readers who read the article in question will agree with me in protesting against a repetition of this in your columns, and I am sure that many more of your subscribers would write you along this line if necessary.

Altho no temperance advocate would look for articles propagating his views in a paper such as yours, still, on the other hand, this powerful and ever increasing movement against drinking and drunkenness is justified in objecting to such articles as being too bald and offensive to be ignored.

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113 2c brown	.15	.12	.08
114 3c blue	.04	.03	.02
115 6c blue	.65	.45	.25
116 10c yellow	.70	.50	.30
117 12c green	.70	.50	.25
118 15c br. & blue	2.50	1.75	1.20
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary has nothing to report this month, but the disagreeable task of dropping from membership for the non-payment of this year's dues the following seven members:—Nicholas Adler, Louisville, Ky.; E. L. Bangs, Baltimore, Md.; Rev. L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis.; James Farish, Linwood, N. J.; J. T. Johnston, Bronx, N. Y. City; J. G. Losink, Lansdowne, Pa., and John T. Lymon, Pen Argyl, Pa., who will be reinstated upon paying their dues for the years of 1915 and 1916.

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S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

ARGUSVILLE, N. D., Aug. 31, 1915.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. THE WITNESS OF WILLOW.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

Jimmy O'. had quit the range cold and taken a surprisin' interest in things urban, which was sure some puzzlin'. For a fact, I couldn't stand the strain of it, and so one evening I put the question plainly.

Jimmy O'. looked at me with his whimsical smile.

"Well, I'll tell you. I jest wanted to mill around awhile an' git my bearin's. Sort o' lookin' before you leap, you know. An' besides—besides—"

Mirth shone in the eyes of Jimmy, and Laughter gurgled in his throat. That somewhat under control, he went on:

"An' on the 30th day of May, which same bein' Memorial Day—er—Dec'ra-tion Day, gen'rally, fer Jimmy O', you'll know all about it. Till then you don't want to be able to know anythin'—leastways, not too much."

"An' what I'm tellin' you thus far is 'on the square,' an' in confidence," added Jimmy, as he lit a cigarette and bid me adios.

The 28th of May, and Jimmy has been here five days. Tomorrow the "friends, Romans, and feller-citizens" of Willow vote wet or dry. I am for dry; and Jimmy O'. has been dry so long he rattles like a locust. But, then, there are others in Willow that hates, scorns, and despises everything dry, from demi-johns to real estate; them as cry aloud for the irrigation of man's inner works especial.

Signs posted around the town of Willow blatantly set forth the great prosperity forthcoming if the wets prevail. One-third of the voting population is Mormon, and that people are (glory be!) for a dry town. Of the remaining two-thirds,—moisture has 'em lashed to the mast. But there's the Unknown Quantity,—the woman vote,—Arizona allowin' the petticoats to step up to the ballot-box for the first time since born.

A perfect day ushered in the battle. About dawn wets and dries began to arrive, in wagons and on horseback.

When I went forth at 9 o'clock to exercise the rights of a citizen of these States, I was attracted to a crowd near the postoffice, listening to a burst of oratory from a voice which, though not wholly natural, seemed familiar as my hat.

"Some lit up, eh? Wonder w'ere 'e got it?" said a native, as an opening in the crowd, disclosed Eddy Fyne, clinging to a telegraph pole with one arm, and sawing the atmosphere with the other, hiccupping "wet town an' prosperity"—"million dollar hotel"—"shame to rob a man of right to drink," etc.

Right then the marshal came along, and Eddy, who knew him as an old time cow-puncher, shook hands effusively and wandered off, talking to himself and colliding with a number of the most respectable electorate, male and female, who made disrespectful remarks along his wake.

I cast my ballot and came forth. Another crowd. This time it was Jimmy O'. and one of the boys from Three-Bar-X trying to sing a duet, "There'll Be a Hot Time." It was such a bad duet, too. It shocked my system, and I am some hardened.

So the day passed, Eddy and Jimmy and the Bar-X boys sure enjoying this last day-of-grace. In my soul I grieved for them—for Jimmy, in particular, who, I thought, had given up the bottle for the stamp album. Jimmy's come-down hurt so much that I was too peeved to return home at once, but grubbed out. However, when I learned Willow was dry by seven votes, it helped a heap; and after the streets had some quieted down from the unusual stress I hiked along the trail leading to the tent-house.

I groped my way to the door. From the room behind came the discordant noise of heavy snores. I confess to being somewhat riled. The boys were welcome—more than welcome—but in my soul I felt the hospitality which I had extended was surely being strained today. I found the door-handle, and hanging to it a bit of paper. A match disclosed a note from Frevor Moore:

Advertising Chat—No. 3.

Our columns this week take on an increased degree of activity; new advertisers are taking space and old advertisers are returning to our columns. There is a bustle in the stamp business that is very gratifying.

We want to urge upon our advertisers the necessity of specific low priced offerings in order to win business. Don't imagine for a single instant that collectors are ready to tumble over one another in their feverish anxiety to patronize your advts. You can afford to make low priced offerings to get acquainted with collectors.

Your adv. will be read, no matter where it appears, if you make it worth reading. Name the stamps, give year, color and catalog price—make it easy for the collector to buy. At the end of the year figure up your sales and expense of advg.

We welcome Herman Schmidt back to our columns. He is an old time advertiser and will be with us regularly this winter on page 3. We now have two dealers by this name—don't get your letters mixed. We can extend a similar welcome to the Manhattan Stamp Co., W. F. Slusser, Franklin Stamp Co. and Fordham Stamp Co.

There will be found regularly on page 3 in column 4 the advertising announcements of the old and reliable firm of J. C. Morgenthau & Co. of New York City. This firm makes a specialty of auction business, in fact confines itself entirely to this branch of the trade. Auction buyers will do well to note the firm's address and get on their list.

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"Don't get peevish. Jimmy O'. will explain."

I thought hard for two minutes, then opened the door.

By the light of two candles, stuck ostentatiously in empty grape juice bottles, I saw Eddy Fyne, Johnny Williams, and the two punchers from Bar-X, "clothed and in their right minds," deep in a game of "muggins," with my ancient and favorite set of dominoes, while at the near-by table sat Jimmy O', intently studying out some Sarawak perforations, the zest of the real collector on his face.

The snores came from the cowboy from ranch J-Bar-5, who was carefully laid out on a bench in the center of the room, candles stuck in other empty grape-juice bottles at head and feet.

Jimmy O'. looked up.

"Willow has gone dry by seven votes," I said slowly, and, I hope, with sufficient solemnity. The domino-players did not even glance my way.

"Seven? Seven?" repeated Jimmy, wonderingly. "Should have been six, if"

Then he looked the boys over. His laugh was full of the joy of victory as his eye lighted on "the corpse."

"Oh, Jimmy!" said Jimmy, when he could speak. "This was vote No. 7,—an' we all thought he was wet. He was so plumb lit up he might a' caravan'd the Sahara fer a hundred years an' never squeaked fer water."

Then the light broke in upon me. It was all for effect,—this horse-play by five reckless cow-punchers, bent on making respectable the town where their friend lived. I was touched, and I wanted to thank them. But, knowing cowboy character, I could do nothing but keep silence.

"We couldn't let you in," Jimmy explained. "You live here. This bunch o' people will cool off an' be glad they're dry—but not now. They'd make you miserable for a spell, first. Now that it's on them, they'll yell that it's on you."

"Muggins!" jubilantly shouted Eddy Fyne, as the game broke up, "I win the corpse. We sure need another hand up at the ranche, an' maybe I c'n make a stamp c'lector outen him yet!"

U. S. PRECANCELED STAMPS.

By L. S. WUNDERLY.

The word "precanceled" has been given to stamps that have been canceled only while in the sheet, or part of the sheet, and after this was done, separated and affixed to the mailable matter with the exception of first class. No other method of canceling can be considered precanceled, it not having the sanction of the Post Office Department.

The object of precanceling is to save the time spent in canceling each stamp separately. By this means, as many as one hundred stamps can be canceled in one stroke.

The early attempts at precanceling were mostly made by drawing a line with a pen or brush across each row of stamps on the sheet; and this has continued to be done up to the present time. Experience pointed out many improvements, and type and the printing press were later used, resulting in a still greater saving of time. In this way, if one hundred stamps were impressed at a time, it did not take long to imprint twenty to fifty thousand stamps, which is not an uncommon amount called for in one lot.

In order to avoid the expense of a press, some postmasters procured rollers made of rubber, and after inking, an impression was made by rolling them over a sheet of stamps. In this method, the first printing was fairly good, but as the rubber spread from continued use, the impressions were soon altered in size and shape. Other methods, such as electrotype plates, stereotype and the like are also used for the purpose.

The use of precanceled stamps increased to such an extent that in 1901 the Post Office Department took official notice of them, and in the early part of that year issued regulations governing their use. One of the provisions was that the State and Post Office name appear upon each stamp, with a heavy line above and below the name and printed with ink the same as used by the Department.

Upon the recognition of these stamps by the Department in 1901, they became for the first time an authorized issue, and for that reason are as collectible as a Government emission. It can never be known when the first precanceled stamp was issued, and some of the used stamps now in collections with odd cancellations may belong to this class. As far as at present known, the first stamp to have been printed with the State and Post Office came upon it was the one cent of the issue of 1882, and bore the words, "Burlington, Vermont" in two vertical lines without bars reading up.

(It is here worthy of note that in postal matters, the New England country has always been foremost in new ideas since the days of postmasters' provisionals, which include issues from Boscawen, New Hampshire; Millbury, Massachusetts; New Haven, Connecticut; Providence, Rhode Island; all covering the years 1846 and 1847.)

(The precancels of Burlington, Vermont were probably used to facilitate the handling of printed matter sent in large quantities by The Wells & Richardson Company, Diamond Dye manufacturers. There are undoubtedly many here tonight who can remember the extensive use to which these dyes were put by our mothers and grandmothers.)

Jefferson, Ohio, has been seen overprinted on the two cent brown of the issue of 1869 and one cent blue of the issue of 1873, but it is not known if they are precanceled. The two cent black of the issue of 1867, canceled in Rochester, New York, was used, but detailed information of this is also lacking. Some collectors insist that precanceled stamps are found as far back as the issue of 1851; however, cancellations not including the State and Post Office upon the stamp should properly not be listed. In most cases, they show the early attempt at precanceling, and to this extent are history. A number can be described accurately enough to identify them, and for these reasons they are given in the precanceled catalogue. Again, certain stamps resemble others so closely they cannot be told by a description. In

such cases, the stamp should remain on the cover, or be identified by some one familiar with it.

In the precancel catalogue, when no mention is made of the color of the ink, black is the one supposed to be used. No distinction is made in the catalogue between ordinary printers' ink and the gray-black Government ink. The gray-black can be told by the color, blurred appearance and lack of sharpness of the letters. All inks when thinly applied, vary in shade according to their composition. Some have a bluish, some a brownish, and others a purple shade. These distinctions are omitted. Where any color is mentioned, it is understood to be a clear, strong color.

Errors may be divided in two classes:

(1) Those that result from incorrect setting-up of the type, two or more impressions and impressions in the wrong position. In some cases, the method of printing requires the opposite half of a sheet of stamps to be inverted.

(2) Those that result from careless handling of the form, electrotype plate, etc., so that a letter becomes broken or partly or entirely gone. It is not uncommon for the lower projection of "E" to be broken off, making it appear as "F". Lines may be broken, appearing as bars; or one or both lines gone. These varieties may be acceptable to many, but being broken type, and innumerable, they are omitted in the catalogue.

Postage due stamps are not listed, but where they are overprinted the same as the postage stamps, attention in the body of the catalogue has been called to them.

The paragraphs in parenthetical marks are thrown in by the compiler of this article. Further remarks follow.

According to the catalogue, which is arranged alphabetically by states, and then by cities, twenty-nine states of the Union have issued precanceled stamps. In numbers Illinois leads with a total of 753; New York with 641 stands second; Massachusetts with 634 is third; Ohio with 629 fourth. Florida, North Carolina, and West Virginia each show 4, the fewest issued. The total for the twenty-nine states is 5,241, which, if assembled into one collection, would make a very interesting exhibit.

As these are 1911 statistics, it may be stated that in this, the year 1915, nearly every State now issues precanceled stamps, bringing the present total to double this number, possibly more.

Attention is called to the fine distinction in the use of the words "overprint" and "surcharge." "Overprint" should be used when any addition is made to the stamp after it is run off the original plates. It may be a control mark as on the Philippine stamps, issued under American dominion, reading "O B" and in no way altering the original denomination of a stamp. A "surcharge" is an overprint which increases or decreases the original denomination of the stamp. President Coolidge of the American Philatelic Society some time ago called members' attention through *The American Philatelist* to this distinction, in an article on precanceled stamps.

According to the accepted meaning of the word "precanceled," a stamp to belong in this class does not necessarily have to bear the state and post office name. In several barrels of old papers were found a few years ago precanceled stamps of the issues of 1894 and 1895 on original covers, state and post office name not appearing on the stamps. Unfortunately, the owner clipped the stamps without endeavoring to determine their point of origin. However, he thinks they came from either Chicago or Cleveland.

A class 1 error is found three times on the precancels of Decorah, Iowa, issues of 1898, 1902 and 1912, the town name being set up as Becorah in each instance. Those of German ancestry insist that the Government should get rid of that Irish compositor out there.

The postal regulations are now very specific as to the style of the precancellation, which must contain the state and post office name on two lines between horizontal parallel bars. Some of the old precancellations stand out in a collection because of their originality.

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Take the 1898, 1902, and 1903, Jackson, Mich., which consists of a two-line horizontal inscription in capitals with line above, below and between, all enclosed in a double-lined oval. Then there are the 1902 and 1903 issues of Lansing, Michigan, which show a fancy design representing nine railroad tracks converging to a center, where a star is placed enclosed in a circle, Lansing above, Michigan below, both in capitals. Sherman, N. Y., gives us a design with the word "Sherman" in curve with an ornament above representing two leaves, N. Y. below with a short bar above, all enclosed in a fine line circle measuring 16 millimeters in diameter appearing on the issues of 1902 and 1903. Business at Sherman evidently dropped off, for we find no issues catalogued since the one of 1903. Possibly the postmaster was discouraged by a lack of appreciation of his artistic ability. Arkon, Ohio, probably induced the rubber industry to locate there and furnish the postmaster with better rubber rollers. His grace, the postmaster, struggled along with unsatisfactory rubber equipment starting with the year 1890. In 1902 his patience with rubber must have become exhausted, for the issue of that year was overprinted from a stereotype plate, though the under rollers were used as late as the year 1909.

Some precancellations include the year or month; for example, Edella, Pa., April, 1903, or Edella, Pa., 1904.

Brattleboro, Vermont, since the postmaster's provisional of 1846, had been very peaceful in its quiet and solitude until 1908, when it awoke and gave us a one cent precancellation, which consists of a horizontal inscription with heavy vertical lines 13 millimeters apart. One's faith in reincarnation is strengthened by this act of Brattleboro.

Every collector of precancels should join The International Precancel Club. The yearly dues are fifty cents. Each member through the Club's sales department has an opportunity to buy or sell precanceled stamps at fair prices. The officers were,—

President: Le Roy Pratt, Tacoma, Wash.

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. W. I. Mitchell, Beacon Bldg., Wichita, Kans.

Sales Superintendent: W. W. Norton, Lakeville, Conn.

In addition to precancellations on postage stamps, the same idea of canceling is carried out by private individuals using large quantities of revenue stamps. We first find them on the Civil War issues. Tobacco and cigarette stamps are often found precanceled, though in no case is the precanceling done by the Government.

"The Catalogue of the Precanceled Postage Stamps of the United States" was compiled and edited by F. L. Smith, 40 Exchange Place, New York, and revised to February, 1912. The price is fifty cents. It is more of a check list than a catalogue as the market value of the stamps is not given in any case. A copy can be secured through your local dealer. Mr. Smith, the compiler, died about 2 years ago. In nearly every pre-

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cancel collection of any size, one can find stamps not listed, and it was the desire of the editor that collectors either forward such stamps or a list to him.

Various opinions exist as to the best method of mounting precanceled stamps. Reference has been made to the catalogue arrangement of States and cities, which can be followed on a blank album; however, many consider an alphabetical arrangement by cities only as superior. In the cases of two cities by the same name in different States the alphabetical arrangement still holds good; for example, Cleveland, Tennessee, follows Cleveland, Ohio, should the former ever issue precancels. Under cities, the stamps should be arranged chronologically. Each stamp should be mounted with the profile right side up, regardless of whether the precancellation is normal, inverted or otherwise. In some collections, stamps precanceled by rubber rollers are mounted with a piece of the original cover, a commendable idea.

A word as to the kind of album might be in order. As collectors of precancels are usually specialists, the blank album they have chosen for their other stamps is the one they should use for the precanceled collection in order to preserve the uniformity throughout. Does the collection kept in uniform binders make a better impression upon you than the collection kept in binders of a half dozen shapes and sizes? It cannot be denied that the pocket book regulates this to a very considerable extent.

Government envelopes are, now and then, found precanceled in the usual manner. A few are listed in the catalogue; however, the definition given by the cataloguer, Mr. Smith, does not include envelope stamps. In the future, this definition will, no doubt, be broadened so as to include them.

The postal permit, authorized by the Post Office Department, is the outgrowth of the precanceled stamp. For some time the Department has been experimenting in certain districts with a machine, which combines the postal permit idea and the postage stamp, the machine at all times being under the Department's control.

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The aid of Mr. Chester Myers, St. Louis, Mo., in compiling this article is gratefully acknowledged.

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THE FIFTH ISSUE.

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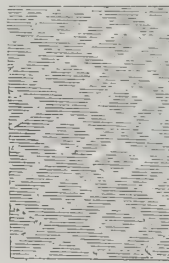
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30. 4c on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 339.
31. 10c on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 340.
32. 20c on 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 341.
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34. 1/2 on 1m carmine, Scott's No. 343.
35. \$1 on 2m blue, Scott's No. 344.
36. \$1 1/2 on 3m violet black, Scott's No. 346.
37. \$2 1/2 on 5m black and lake, Scott's No. 345.

THE SIXTH ISSUE.

In February, 1906, the 1c and \$2 1/2 stamps appeared on the new paper with "lozenge" watermark which had been introduced the previous year. These were the only denominations on the watermarked paper for a year and then, in March, 1907, the \$1 1/2 appeared, fol-

lowed by the \$1 two months later. The next value—20c—did not show up until May, 1909, and since then, at extended intervals, the 2c, 4c, 10c, 40c and \$1 1/2 values have appeared.



Reference List.

1906-14. Same as last issue watermarked "lozenges".

38. 1c on 3pf brown, Scott's No. 347.
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40. 4c on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 349.
41. 10c on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 350.
42. 20c on 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 351.
43. 40c on 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 352.
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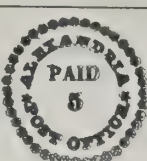
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follows the flag", it is said, but it is equally true that "trade follows the post", and in Morocco the latter is particularly applicable. Germany has spared no expense in this matter, and its imposing postal establishments, when contrasted with the insignificant offices considered sufficient by the other powers, have suggested to the local mind—the local population mainly seeing European nations through the post office windows—the idea that Germany must naturally be the most powerful and enlightened nation.

The German offices in Morocco are under the direction of the Chief Postal Administration (Ober Postdirektion) of Hamburg, and they are served by a generously subsidised mail service; the latter consisting of two sailings per month between Bremen and Hamburg, Casablanca and Tangier, and, by arrangement with Austria, of a monthly service between Trieste and Moroccan ports.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The first issue was made at the time the chief office at Tangier and its first six subsidiary offices were opened, viz.: December 20, 1899. At first, it was intended to surcharge the then current stamps of Germany with the name "Marocco" only, as was done in the case of the stamps for the offices in China. In

fact, essays of the numeral and eagle types of 1889 were produced with the name MAROCCO overprinted in block letters, but these were never issued, for the reason that the Spanish currency obtaining in Morocco was so much below the German value. The stamps actually issued, therefore, were overprinted "Marocco" and new denominations in Spanish currency in black. The overprint reads diagonally upwards from left to right and though some specialists find two slopes and two thicknesses of the overprint, the differences are really very slight and hard to distinguish. The 3c on 3pf value was simply intended for use between the offices themselves.



Reference List.

1899. German stamps of 1889 surcharged in black.
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 3. 10c on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 703.
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HINTS FOR YOUNG DEALERS.

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BY WILLARD O. WYLIE,
Managing Editor MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

War Marks—We wish to acknowledge the receipt of war envelopes with various marks of censorship from different readers and of information concerning the impressions, from others. We believe that all the general types of marking have been approximately described but we may add that the Italian army postal mark consists of the "Posta Militare" postmark. In answer to requests for an opinion of the future value of the war envelopes, we must repeat that no one may say with certainty how marketable they will be. We remember that the military postmarks of the United States forces in the Philippines, Porto Rico, Cuba, etc., were esteemed rather more during their tenure of existence than afterwards but this circumstance may not alter the present case.

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He Remembers—Our remarks in the issue of August 28th, 1915, on the twenty cent green Confederate, alleging on the authority of Professor Schwab, in his work published in 1901, that the stamp was designed to supply a currency need rather than a postal requirement have not been unheeded. A bit of testimony in support of the claim comes from Mr. Jerome G. Wolf whose predilection for Confederate issues and their suggestions is known to some of us. He writes:

FRENCH COLONIAL RED CROSS STAMPS

France I	.08	Ivory Coast	.05
France II	.05	Madagascar	.05
Dahomey	.05	Martinique	.05
Morocco I	.08	Mauretania	.05
Morocco II	.05	New Caledonia	.15
Morocco III	.05	Reunion, red surcharge	.15
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"Last winter I had the pleasure of meeting a Mr. Davis of Bradentown, Florida. While assisting me in my search for stamps, he recalled that when a boy, at home, in Orange County, Florida, his parents used stamps for currency and that he still had some at his residence in a little old snuff box which he proceeded to uncover. On opening the box it was found to contain not only five of the twenty cent green Confederate but strangely enough, over a hundred of the three cent Interior Department. Mr. Davis remembered that his parents had often mentioned the use of Confederate stamps as currency, the stamps having been employed to purchase the necessities of life, or in fact, almost anything."

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On The Other Hand—We now proceed to the consideration of a document that we have in our possession, through the cooperation of Mr. Walter H. McDonald, that disputes the statement that the twenty cent Confederate was primarily an issue to meet the demand for fractional parts of a dollar, specie having disappeared from circulation during the war. The following letter was sent to Mr. McDonald, under date of May 19th, 1911, by R. P. Thian of Washington, D. C.: "I duly received your letter of May 8th but have delayed answering it that I might reply understandingly to your enquiry relative to the use of the 20 cents (green) Confederate stamp as fractional currency. Professor Schwab of Yale was formerly connected with the John Hopkins University and called on me once when we had a talk on Confederate matters and I allowed him to examine my work and make a few notes on the subject. I was, therefore, curious to find on what he based his financial and industrial history of the South during the Civil War, and succeeded in finding a copy of his book in the Carnegie Public Library of this city. I read it carefully but while from the long list of authorities and quasi-authorities he gives as references, he is entitled to much credit in his search for materials, I think his work ranks only with other numerous histories on divers subjects relating to the Civil War. There is absolutely nothing on the subject in my work nor in the laws of the Confederate Congress and reports of the Postmaster-General for 1864 make no mention of the alleged issue of twenty cents stamps as postal currency. Therefore, I give little credit to Professor Schwab's statement that, 'in 1864, the Post Office Department met the demand for small change with an issue of half a million 20 cent green stamps,' as in support of this statement, he refers to an article in the Richmond Dispatch of April 13, 1864. I have written to a friend in Richmond to procure for me the actual wording of the article and if I succeed in my endeavor, will take pleasure in advising you what I make of it."

In Connection—The author of the foregoing letter, Raphael P. Thian, formerly chief clerk in the office of the adjutant-general of the United States Army, died not long after it was penned. For more than forty years, Mr. Thian had been collecting and collating material suitable for his monumental work and the advantages that he enjoyed through his position officially, combined with his intense interest in the memorabilia of the Confederacy made him the ideal historian. Mr. Thian's great work was never published, although at one time, congress advocated that it be published, but the Public Printer vetoed the project. Later, it was proposed that the publication be undertaken on a somewhat different basis, but, we suppose, the death of Mr. Thian stopped negotiations, as no definite action was taken, we believe.

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Philatelic Portrait—Through the courtesy of Mr. H. C. Upson, Waterbury, Conn., we are enabled to mirror the character and activities of James W. Hale who enjoys philatelic distinction through his association with the issue of local stamps. Curiously enough, the medium for the presentation of the sketch of Mr. Hale and his enterprises is the *Spirit of the Times*, a New York weekly devoted to sporting interests of the higher type, dated March 12th, 1881. In "Reminiscences of a Sporting Journalist", by Col. Thomas Picton, the fourth instalment of the series is a chronicle of "The Novelities", a club of professional gentlemen organized "upon a dark and dismal night, toward the close of the year 1840". The theatre and journalism contributed the majority of members to this club of hale fellows and merry gentlemen; and among the number was James W. Hale, who was well known to a host of contemporaries. We do not begrudge the space necessary to reproduce Col. Picton's sprightly description that so graphically portrays the life of a day that is done:

"A member of the Novelities connected with the *Courier and Enquirer* in a subaltern capacity, James W. Hale, was one of the most original geniuses and business projectors ever living, who set in motion countless schemes for the public accommodation, which, in subsequent hands, have inflated into national enterprises, absorbing millions of capital and converting his clerks and errand boys into millionaires, while their originator lived by the skin of his teeth and died with an invisible estate. 'Jimmy', as Hale was universally styled by the bulls and bears, first made his appearance before the commercial world as manager of a 'ship letter office' in front of the *Courier* establishment, 58 Wall. He advertised days of sailing of the European packets, caused letter bags, inscribed with their names, to be hung up against his office wall, into which, for a small fee, he deposited letters destined

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30 " carmine rose, unused15
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Hale next appeared as 'Independent Postmaster-General', carrying and delivering letters from and to Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington at six cents each, the governmental postage being 18 1/4 cents, an enterprise squelched by the authorities through making it unlawful to carry unpaid letters over postal routes. Then Jimmy established a city delivery, through placing tin boxes in hotels, drug, grocery and other prominent stores, collected and delivered thrice a day for a fee of two cents each, corresponding to the Government carrier's personal charge, but Congress nipped this scheme in the bud through declaring city streets to be postal routes. Nothing daunted, Hale next undertook transportation of packages and parcels for merchants and bankers between the Atlantic cities and the National and State capitals. For this purpose, he employed two trustworthy agents upon these routes, to distinguish which he styled one branch 'Harnden's Express', and the other 'Pomeroy's Express', the former having expanded into a vast corporation, while the latter laid the foundation for the firm of Wells, Fargo, & Co."

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

HAWAII STAMPED ENVELOPES.

By C. F. RICHARDS.

It was not until the year 1883 that the authorities of the Island Kingdom of Hawaii came to the conclusion that their government was in need of stamped envelopes, though about two years before this they had ordered postal cards.

In October, 1883, the American Bank Note Co., of New York, received an order to engrave dies and prepare electrotypes for the first stamped envelopes.

This they did, and on April 8th, 1884, they shipped a total of 400,000, showing the beautiful harbor of Honolulu. The words "Honolulu, Hawaii" appear at bottom, and at top, the date—1884—and on its right in English. The view with value on its left in Hawaiian, of the harbor is in center with a large figure of value at right and left.

This 400,000 included:

10,000—1c green
175,000—2c pale rose
20,000—4c vermilion
140,000—5c blue
55,000—10c black

There were three sizes and as many qualities of paper. The 1 cent were all of the small size, and the thinnest paper. The 2 cent were of small and medium sizes, and exhibit all three qualities of paper.

A rather curious development was that 100,000 of the small size including thin and medium paper were printed with three pale rose dotted lines across the face of the envelope for the address.

The 4-cent were all of the medium size half each medium and thick paper. The 5-cent were issued in small and medium sizes, and in all three qualities of paper. The 10-cent were of the thickest and medium paper, and the only ones to come in the largest size as well as in the medium.

Approximately 2,000 each of the 2, 4, 5 and 10-cent envelopes were with blue lining. At various later dates, the company shipped,

125,000—1-cent
155,000—2-cent

all of medium size and quality, but varying considerably in the shades of ink used. Included amongst the 2-cent were 5,000 of a pink shade, which were thought too light in appearance by the government, so that following shipments were in shades of carmine.

The paper of the various issues runs from pure white to light gray and most of the values are to be found with so-called "printed insides". None of these envelope stamps were lithographed.

In 1885, Postmaster General Whitney had 2,000 10-cent envelopes printed in red, "Special Despatch Letter (For Domestic Mail Only)", in upper left corner. These were never issued to the public, as it was found there was no warrant in law for their use. They were stored in the Treasury until 1893, and then all sold to one gentleman of Honolulu. Thereafter, a few did regular postal duty. The Press Publishing Co. of Honolulu in 1893 surcharged the following:

Provisional Government

1893

16,000—1c green, dark pink surcharge
37,000—2c carmine, black surcharge
47,225—5c blue, dark pink surcharge
28,000—10c black, dark pink surcharge

The 1-cent and 2-cent were all on the medium size envelopes. The 5-cent on small and medium size, and the 10-cent on medium and large. The 10-cent on medium size was the only one with blue inside. There are double surcharges in all values.

The 2-cent comes with inverted "E" in "Government", and with the so-called broken "M" in "Government". There were 7,932 5-cent and 10,293 10-cent de-

stroyed by the Government, January 28, 1897.

Wells, Fargo & Co. used the 5-cent and 10-cent envelopes, and impressed their frank in the upper left corner.

POSTAL CARDS

All postal cards as well as all stamped envelopes, for the Hawaiian Islands were printed by the American Bank Note Company. They received the first order November 1, 1881, and shipped the following cards February 20, 1882:

25,000—1c deep orange on buff card
20,000—2c black on white card
10,000—3c green on white card

The 1-cent bore the likeness of Queen Liliuokalani; the 2-cent, a picture of Diamond Head near Honolulu; and the 3-cent, Royal Emblems.

There were later shipments as follows:

100,000—1c deep orange on buff card
200,000—1c vermilion on orange card
37,500—2c black on white card
20,000—3c green on white card

There were also reply cards with same engravings as on the single cards of same values, viz.:

5,000—1c x 1c violet on buff card
5,000—1c x 1c purple on orange card
5,000—2c x 2c dark blue on white card
15,000—2c x 2c light blue on white card

10,000 of these latter were destroyed in the furnaces, January 28, 1897.

The Press Publishing Co. of Honolulu in 1893 surcharged the following postal cards:

Provisional Government

1893

28,760—1c vermilion on orange card, black surcharge
10,000—2c black on white card, dark pink surcharge
8,574—3c green on white card, dark pink surcharge

The 1-cent comes with double surcharge.

After the advent of the Republic of Hawaii, new 1-cent and 2-cent cards were ordered, and the first shipment of each made from New York, March 23, 1894. The several shipments of these amounted to

300,000—1c vermilion on orange card
250,000—2c green on white card

The 1-cent cards show the Iolani Palace, and the 2-cent a Chart of the Pacific Ocean.

In nearly all values of cards there is variation in shades, both in ink and card.

LITHOGRAPHED SEAL, DATED 1900.

L. Kopf recently wrote the WEEKLY as follows:

"I have read with much interest Mr. Luff's article on Official Seals. Mr. Luff states that all lithographed seals showing dated cancellations bore dates from 1901 to 1907. I have a dated copy which is surely a lithographed seal, as it has the short line at the left complete and also thin outer line at top and left besides other characteristics of the lithographed seals. The cancellation is St. Louis, Nov. 30, 1900. How is this explained if lithographed seals were not issued until 1901 as Mr. Luff states?"

To this letter Mr. Luff answers:

"I have your letter of Sept. 4 enclosing one from Mr. Kopf which I return. Will you please say to him that I did not intend to say in my article on U. S. Official Seals that the dates of cancellation which I gave were the only ones that might exist, but merely that they were the dates which I had found after looking through a considerable quantity of the seals and I assumed that they were about correct. At any rate, they served to back up my argument that there were no lithographed seals at as early dates as had previously been supposed. The seal which Mr. Kopf de-

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Bosnia 1900, unused, 1, 2 & 5kr, Nos. 22, 23, 24, per set75
Bosnia 1900, used, 25n, blue, No. 1804
Bosnia 1904, used, 20, 30, 35, 40 & 45h, Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, per set35
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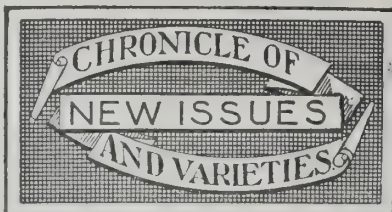
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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels submits the following additional list of new envelopes:

Denom.	Var.	Size	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife.
2c	A	5	Blue	19	87
2c	A	3	White	20	92
2c	A	4	White	20	84

Charles A. Townsend submits copies of the current Officially Sealed stamp, perforated 11 1/2.

BAHAMAS.—According to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, the 1sh value has been issued in the regulation colors.

Adhesive.

1sh black on green.

BOLIVIA.—F. R. Elliott reports having seen the 5c green of 1913, cut diagonally in halves and the upper left part used on cover.

CAMEROONS.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports having received several letters from Officers just returned from the West Coast of Africa, giving information of a provisional issue by overprinting the German stamps "C.E.F." and value in English currency. The values are reported to be:—

Adhesives.

1d on 3pf brown.
1d on 5pf green.
1d on 10pf carmine.
2d on 20pf blue.
2d on 25pf black and red on yellow.
3d on 35pf black and orange on buff.
4d on 40pf black and carmine.
6d on 50pf black and purple on buff.
8d on 80pf black and carmine on rose.
1sh on 1m carmine.
2sh on 2m blue.
3sh on 3m violet-black.
5sh on 5m carmine and black.

It is stated the total value of this surcharged stock was about £3,000, and the sale restricted to seven sets to each of the officers with the Expeditionary Force, and that the supply was quickly exhausted. This report has been general in London the past ten days, but either the statement of total value being £3,000 or the limitation of seven sets would appear to be inaccurate, since it can hardly be credited there were with the Forces such a large number of officers to at once absorb the stock, with the restriction stated. The explanation probably will prove to be that the sale was not confined to the Military, and that others on the spot participated in a fair share.

CANADA.—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred sends specimens of new part perforate stamps with portrait of King George arranged for use in a stamp vending machine. They are imperforate vertically and perforated 12 horizontally. These are similar to Scott's Nos. 104a and 105a, except the size of the perforation. Mrs. Oughtred says that it is possible to get strips of stamps from the vending machine. The buyer puts a cent in the slot and a stamp appears; then without touching the stamp, put another cent in and another one comes out. In this way, one can get undamaged strips. If

the buyer pulls off one stamp at a time, there are two wee tears in the top of the stamp, caused by the machine.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—Elliott Perry reports the issue of a 20c value in the 1908 set, similar to Scott's Nos. 361 to 364b.

Adhesive.

20c black.

CUBA.—Charles A. Townsend and the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. also report the new shade of the 2c map stamp. They are becoming quite common in the mails.

ECUADOR.—Elliott Perry has also shown us the new 5c in purple.

ST. VINCENT.—*Ewen's Weekly* reports having received a few specimens of a new printing of the 2 1/2d value, which is in pale ultramarine and quite distinct from the first printing.

TURKEY.—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* notes that the two highest values of the current set have been surcharged with new values. The 200pi has an additional overprint in Arabic.

Provisional Adhesives.

10pi on 100pi deep blue.

25pi on 200pi green and black.

VENEZUELA.—Elliott Perry reports another value in new Bolivar, of similar design to the other values recently chronicled.

Adhesive.

15c olive.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schliekert send us greetings from the Grand Canyon, Ariz., under date of Sept. 6. They are returning East from the A. P. S. Convention.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cook of Norfolk, Va., recently called at the WEEKLY office. Mr. Cook is the proprietor of the Southern Stamp Co.

—E. W. BRIDGE.—The "reform" you indicate would be a difficult one to impartially enforce. It would seem as though collectors should early learn the difference between postally used and canceled to order stamps. We shall give the matter further thought.

—Three of our rebus contestants have failed to select books for their meritorious entries as per recent awards made in the WEEKLY. May we not hear from E. P. Morehouse, Frank C. Clark, and J. B. Cayrasso? Select any one from our list.

—At a recent meeting of the Western Philatelic Association, the constitution and by-laws were amended to allow applications from other localities. To facilitate this extension work, the secretary has moved his office to 350 Folsom St., San Francisco.

—"Mr. D. W. Hulburd asks if anyone has a letter bearing date of July 1st, 1851, with the 3c red stamp attached. Now I have such a letter, a folded blue sheet, with 3c stamp, gridiron cancellation, also paid cancellation both in black. Also postmark in red, Boston, Mass., July 1st, 1851—3 cents. And in closing the letter the writer states that he is using the first stamp under the new law, which makes it doubly interesting."—J. M. OVERFIELD.

—We have received from A. M. Farmer, a clipping from the Albany (N. Y.) *Knickerbocker Press* dated Sunday, August 29, containing the "Story of the Special Delivery Stamp." It is written

This Week's Offer:

	Cat.	My
	price.	price.
36 United States 1851, 12c black	2.50	1.75
71 1862, 30c orange	1.25	.75
76 5c brown	.85	.45
78 24c lilac	1.00	.60
155 1870, 90c carmine	1.50	.80
242 1893, \$2 brown red	3.00	2.00
243 \$3 yellow green	5.00	3.00
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by Chas. R. Skinner, who championed the bill in Congress, and finally secured its passage. The article is a very readable one, but not sufficiently philatelic for us to reprint in the WEEKLY.

—Hugo Griebert & Co. calls our attention to the fact that they are distributing the new Togo on Gold Coast at new issues rates as usual. Their advt. elsewhere gives particulars.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. C. Hoffstetter, H. R. Hendricks, Irvin B. Robinson (2), I. Thurman Mann (2).

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THE SECOND ISSUE.

On October 20, 1900, stamps of the "Germania" type were suitably overprinted for use in the Moroccan offices. On the pfennig values, the overprint was applied horizontally in two lines, the upper one consisting of the name and the lower one of the new value. On the 1, 2 and 5 mark denominations, the word "Marocco" reads upwards at the left and downwards at the right, while the new value is applied horizontally between and level with the base of the vertical overprints. On the 3 mark stamp, "Marocco" is shown reading upwards on the left border, while the new value reads downwards at the right side. The overprint is in red on the 3 mark and in black on all the others. It will be noted the overprints are all so arranged that they do not cover the word "REICHSPOST". Both types of the German 5 mark stamp were surcharged. There were several printings of the surcharges and Dr. Rommel refers to some minor varieties of considerable interest to the specialist, viz.:—

In the last printing of these stamps, a minor variety may be found; it has not been decided satisfactorily if it exists on some, or on all of the values. By means of printers' trials, we have been able to determine that in any case, on the 25 centimos black, on 20pf blue, the last printing of the overprint is much lower down than usual, so low, in fact, that the upper half of the word REICHSPOST is covered.

At first, the overprint on the 3 to 50 pfennig had the letter "t" square at the top and the letter "s" was straight up. Toward the end of 1903, the 5 centimos showed slight signs of variation in the overprint: the letter "t" was thicker, and went off into a point at the top. Other characteristics of this second type of the 5c are that the letter "s" leans sideways, the "c" in "Marocco" and the figure "5" are somewhat thicker. It appears that the 5c is the only value in which there are two types. There are also differences of type in the values from 1 to 5 marks, in which the differences all lie in the word "Marocco". In type I, the bottom serifs are long, and form right angles to the vertical strokes of the letter "M"; the "r" and "o" are fairly wide apart; the word "Marocco" is fairly lightly printed. In type II, the bottom serifs of the "M" are shorter, and form curves with the vertical strokes of the letter; the "r" and "o" are closer together; the word "Marocco" appears to be more heavily printed.

In 1905, a used specimen of the 50 centimos on 40pf was reported to have been found with inverted "e" in "Centimos" and, though the variety was chronicled in many journals at the time, I have been unable to learn anything more about it.



Advertising Chat—No. 4.

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E. T. Parker takes regular space on page 6 and his bargain offers week by week are sure to attract attention.

Dr. W. I. Mitchell of Wichita, Kan., promised us last spring that he would be with us in the fall and he has made good. Next week his copy will be used and we shall space him directly under Mr. Parker on page 6.

Geo. T. Simpson plans to change his copy every week, but last week he side-stepped. There's a reason:—"Missed you last week, laid up with a broken rib. No ambition." No wonder! Here is hoping that our dealer friend will soon mend.

The long established firm of A. Perrin & Co. of New York City has made a move for the better and the business card "Removal Notice" published elsewhere will tell the story as to change of address. Mr. Perrin writes: "Will be with you regularly soon as an advertiser."

The Plumridge auction sales will be of interest to dealers and especially one of those described in this issue.

Our pages are filling in with advertisements and everything seems to indicate a busy winter season.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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The 342nd (regular) meeting of the B. P. S., Inc., will be held at the club room on Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, 1915, at 8.15 P. M. The President, Mr. Carpenter, has made arrangements with Mr. Charles E. Hatfield, president of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., to exhibit the latter's collection of the stamps of Cuba. These cannot fail to be of interest to all and it being the first meeting after the summer recess, it is to be hoped that we may start the fall season with a large attendance.

FREDERIC W. STILES,
Secretary.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

A PHILATELIC RIP VAN WINKLE.

By A. N. RIDGELY.

Returning to my first love, postage stamps, after an absence of nearly thirty years, reminiscences of those early days of stamp collecting—and the remarkable changes in the hobby which strike one awakening as though from a Rip van Winkle sleep—appear to me to be not without interest. The tremendous increase, not only in the number of stamps, but in the number of collectors; the greater enthusiasm, almost a "craze" in some cases, turning a pleasant and instructive pastime into a serious life-work; the search for "varieties," watermarks, "errors," etc.; the transfer of popularity from stamps which were then the vogue into others, as for example from the U. S. Department issues and U. S. envelopes into all the numberless changes and microscopical varieties and errors of shades, paper, grilles, postmarks and what-not of the ordinary issues; the marvellous augmenting in value of certain stamps; the great mass of "canceled to order" stuff, and what is much more objectionable, the printing and issuance of elaborate sets in great variety and number from obscure countries for the prime object of hoodwinking collectors, postage requirements being only an incident—all these things and more, forcibly impress the philatelic slumberer, on his awakening.

Perhaps the most extraordinary development of all is that instead of being satisfied with one stamp of a kind, there is now a large class of dealer-collectors who buy and hoard up great blocks of duplicates. I know of one such man in England who has a collection of 1,000 each of 6,000 different stamps; in other words, 1,000 sets of 6,000 varieties. I know of many in this immediate neighborhood who "collect" along the same lines though in a smaller way. And it seems to be growing. Probably these stamps will never come upon the market; for a most peculiar thing about this business is that holders of stamps do not want to sell—there is a steady absorption, always more buyers than sellers—but the thought must occur to one, that suppose these wholesale lots ever were forced for sale what a collapse in prices there would be.

Far be it from me to attempt to dictate what and how stamps should be collected. I am merely jotting down the impressions of an old-timer, and my opinions need only be taken for what they are worth. But I think the encouragement given by large dealers to the collecting and differentiating of the infinite varieties of perforations, papers, surcharges, errors, etc., etc., has done more than any other one thing to choke off desirable collectors. I know of several wealthy Stock Exchange men, to whom money was no object and who wanted collections practically complete, one stamp of every kind—they could keep pace with the new issues all right, but not with the "varieties" and errors, and they quit. Personally, I stopped collecting largely for that reason, though I have always regretted selling my collection.

A long time previously to that I had quit dealing in stamps, being too busily engaged with other projects. That was away back in 1886, though subsequently, I bought many large parcels during my travels in foreign lands, selling most of them *en bloc* to my friend, Mr. R. R. Bogert; some to Mr. Baitzell and to Mr. Wettern. Perhaps I should plead guilty to being the originator of the real canceled-to-order business—for which I was very adversely criticized at the time by parties whom the shoe pinched, though I have never been able to see the impropriety of such transactions if conducted along conservative lines. It was in 1887, while en route to Australia, that I called on the Postmaster at Honolulu, and was informed by him that a larger number of the \$1 stamps were on hand than would ever be used for postage—that they were being utilized as tax stamps on opium cans—also, that there were many thousands of the 18, 25 and 50 cent, and the obsolete 2 cent unper-

forated. I suggested that the Post Office might derive some profit out of what otherwise was waste paper, by canceling those stamps and selling them to me at the rate of \$100 per 10,000 right through. This was done, then and there. Well, I sold those stamps at five cents apiece, and Wettern sold them at about ten. Not only have they all been absorbed, but the \$1 is now catalogued at about \$10, and the 2 cent at \$4. I think those used on opium cans are quoted at \$2. Subsequently, there were several hundred thousand of these stamps "re-issued", but only the 12 cent lilac and the 18 cent never came on the market. The others may be buried away somewhere now.

Some ten years later, in London, I was surprised to find among sundry odds and ends, about 200 of those stamps, which had never been missed from so many. Being engaged in some rather big enterprises at that time, and having no interest in stamps, I handed them to the office boy (who said he knew a dealer, etc., etc.) and told him he could keep whatever he got for them. The boy got *ten shillings*—so he informed me some days later!

However, the real originator of canceling government remainders was G. B. Calman. The San Domingo stamps were unsalable unused, so they were canceled, and even in that shape, Calman was offering them in 1884-5 for almost nothing—immense quantities and no buyers. But since those days, they have all been absorbed and are now catalogued at fairly good prices. I can see nothing objectionable about it as done at that time. But they went several steps further when they had designed and printed the Seebeck issues, with the sanction of the Central American States to be sure, but gotten up and printed by the million, not for legitimate postal purposes, but to foist off on collectors. This was a most reprehensible commercializing of the stamp business, and in my opinion is a totally different thing from canceling stamps for collectors after they have been issued for postal purposes. The Seebecks were designed in advance for dealers; and there are Borneos and others in the same category.

The tremendous increase in price of the medium-early British Colonials and U. S. issues astounds an old-timer. Some of the Bahamas St. Vincent, Turks Island, etc., etc., which sold then for a few cents each, are now worth almost as much in dollars. Of the U. S., take the one cent brown, 1869, for example, which were reprinted and sold by the P. O. Department at face. I bought a large supply of that stamp and was in the habit of using same for postage when writing to anybody interested in stamps. It is now catalogued at \$1.50 (hard paper \$5), while the original is catalogued 85 cents. Any of the reprinted 1869 issue could be bought at face until 1885; they are now catalogued all the way up to \$40 apiece.

One of the last transactions I had in U. S. stamps was buying 100 sets unused Justice complete for \$150 and jobbing them off to dealers at \$18 per ten sets. Look up the price of those stamps now. U. S. Departments were my specialty in those days. I had a big trunk full. 5,000 sets War Department, unused—and the others. Complete sets of Treasury used were worth about \$100 per 1,000 sets at that time. My entire stock was worth about \$3,000 then. What would it be worth today? But that is something I had rather not think about.

A great many people have bought stamps in the last ten years with the dream that there will be a similar enhancement of value in the current issues, and are hoarding large blocks of some kinds as an "investment". Most of these holders may be disappointed. Thirty years ago, nobody was buying blocks of stamps to lay away for keeps. Whereas, in the last 15 years thousands of people have been doing it, and as a result, there will always be an ample supply of these particular stamps to meet any possible demand.

What is the present outlook for the stamp trade? What effect will the de-

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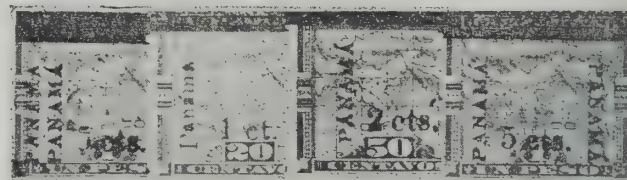
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MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

BOSTON, MASS.

plorable conflict in Europe have? These are interesting questions, hard to answer. In a general way, I think the stamp business in this country, in common with real estate and nearly all lines of trade, follows the stock market—later. The business of stamps should tend towards improvement for several years. On the other hand it may be logically argued that abnormal conditions resulting from the war will bring heavy offerings from England and Europe. I do not think there is much doubt of this. No great quantities have been pressed for sale yet, only a few items being offered at cut prices, but that is no guarantee that good and poor stamps alike will not be thrown on the market when the war is over.

But to hazard a guess, the coming season in this country should be a fairly prosperous one for dealers.

POLAND.

Poland, once a great kingdom but gradually reduced by her three hungry neighbors, Russia, Prussia and Austria, until they swallowed her entirely, has been once again the battleground of Europe. The recent occupation by the Germans of most of Russian Poland has placed her again upon the philatelic map with the issue of five of the low value German stamps surcharged RUSSISCH POLEN.

Poland's previous philatelic history was comparatively short. The Russian stamps were used there until January 1, 1860, when the solitary special stamp of 10 Kopeks in blue and red was issued for the Province. The name was not displayed and the stamp was simply a copy of the Russian type, with the bottom inscription in Polish *ZA LOT KOP. 10* (10 Kopeks) per lot—the unit of weight, about one-half ounce). The stamps were made in the state printing office in St. Petersburg (now Petrograd) by typography. Scott notes them as perforated 12 and Gibbons as 11½ to 12. Careful measurements of quite a number of available copies have uniformly given me 12 horizontally by 12¼ vertically. Nothing less than 12 has been found. Having been printed at the same time as the Russian stamps listed as perforated 12½, it would be natural to suppose that the Polish stamps were perforated by the same machines. Gauging a number of these Russian stamps at hand I find them quite uniformly 12¼ horizontally by 12½ vertically, so that the two series are not so widely separated as the catalogs might lead us to believe, and more study upon larger numbers would probably bring them into harmony. Several shades of both colors of the stamp are given in the catalogs and it is listed on vertically laid as well as wove paper.

The stamps was suppressed on Febru-

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One of the most interesting provisional series of late years was that issued by the Governor of the Portuguese India in 1911-12. This issue was authorized by the Home Government at Lisbon, and was issued at Goa to fill a real need. Therefore there was a postal necessity for the stamps and they were used in the regular order of business. Both Scott and Gibbons list these interesting stamps, but with rare exceptions, no prices are given for used specimens. By a fortunate chance we are enabled to supply collectors looking for genuinely postally used stamps with the following list, at the low prices named. In most cases we can supply both right and left halves, but in no case can we supply unsevered pairs. Prices are net, per half stamp, with postage extra on orders under 50 cents.

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Overprinted "Republica."

1911, 1r on half of 2r orange, No. 260... .15

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1r on half of 1c carmine, No. 261... .08

1½r on half of 2½r yel. brn., No. 264... .40

1½r on half of 9r gray lilac, No. 265... .15

1½r on half of 4t blue, No. 266... .18

2r on half of 2½r yel. brn., No. 267... .15

3r on half of 4t blue, No. 268... .20

3r on half of 2½r yel. brn., No. 269... .15

6r on half of 2t brown, No. 270... .12

6r on half of 4½r light grn., No. 271... .08

6r on half of 9r gray lilac, No. 272... .12

6r on half of 9r dull violet, No. 273... .12

Overprinted "Republica" on Issue of 1911.

1r on half of 1r gray, No. 283... .08

1r on half of 2r orange, No. 283b... .12

1r on half of 1c carmine, No. 284... .10

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ary 13, 1865, and only Russian stamps have been in use since.

It is curious that like Russia and Finland, the first postage stamps of Poland were really stamped envelopes, though they were merely handstamped for local use in Warsaw. There were two varieties, one with a large eagle in center and two lines of inscription above; the other with a smaller eagle and two lines below as well. They bear no value, but were sold for 1½ kopeks, 1 for the envelope and ½ for the stamp, and were used for mailing visiting cards. They were first issued on January 21, 1858. On March 1, 1860, two regularly printed envelopes of 3k for Warsaw and 10k for general use were issued, and these remained current until they were suppressed with the single adhesive on February 13, 1865.—*N. E. Stamp Monthly*.

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By WILLARD O. WYLIE.

The publication of this large number of the WEEKLY, carrying with it so many columns of advertising, is the best answer that could be made to anyone fearful that trade conditions are to be poor the coming season.

We can see no indication that business will suffer because of the war unless we are drawn into the same. True, there are communities and even areas of territory where there is business depression but the country as a whole is very busy at work and the people will have money to invest in the direction towards which their fancy turns.

It is reasonable to believe that the stamp collector will be able to gratify his desires along philatelic lines. A man, ordinarily, will get the thing he wants in some way or other, and a stamp collector is no exception to this general rule.

The hundreds of war stamps have, no doubt, whetted the interest of many collectors. They appeal strongly from the two standpoints of sentiment and investment, in fact, the two make quite a combination.

There can be no question but that many collectors find stamp collecting an enjoyable hobby because it combines an element of financial gain with the other attributes so frequently referred to and enumerated. This financial gain is a no mean consideration, however much the "purists" may deride it.

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Certain of our dealers have given us their views on the season's prospects, and we quote their opinions as below:—

H. M. CLARK, Mgr. Scott Co., N. Y. City.

In regard to your invitation to forecast the coming season in the stamp trade, I can merely repeat optimism of the past and conditions have not changed to any considerable extent to cause me to differ from the position. The publication of our new 20th century album in the near future should do much to stimulate interest.

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I consider the outlook for the coming season most favorable. We can hardly remember when we were kept so busy during the summer months as this year, particularly in regard to our approval department, which has been steadily increasing in spite of the warm weather. The demand for fine U. S. general issues of the better class is as strong as ever. There is an increased call for used stamps showing odd or attractive postmarks, and the old issues are in much demand by specialists who are collecting varieties of impression, shades, etc.

Early issues in fine condition of all countries are eagerly sought and, undoubtedly, prices in this line must continue to increase. The War issues of various countries have been very popular and no doubt done much to help stamp collecting in general. Prominent dealers in Germany and France are writing for selections of early Europeans and state that a few weeks after the outbreak of the War business there assumed practically normal proportions, particularly the high class trade in fine material. Auction prices in Berlin have shown no decrease and new records have been established in spite of present conditions.

The demand for older issues on original covers is constantly growing. U. S. envelopes are increasing in popularity. Collectors of both entire and cut square are now collecting shades of stamp as well as paper in many cases. The numerous types of the Nesbitt issues are receiving more attention by a number of keen philatelists. The beginning of the

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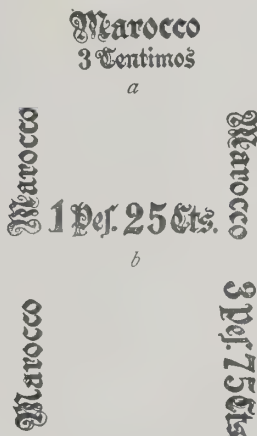
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THE THIRD ISSUE.

In 1905, the fancy type of overprint similar to that used in the foreign offices in China and Turkey made its appearance. In this overprint, the letters and numerals are in fancy Gothic characters, the German stamps surcharged being those inscribed DEUTSCHES REICH. The overprints were applied in the same positions as on the corresponding values of the last series, and also, similarly to the 1900 issue, the surcharge on the 3 mark value was in red and on all the others it was black. The new stamps were first placed on sale about September.

Before this set was supplied to the Moroccan offices, supplies of the 5c on 5pf ran very low and a new lot was ordered. In filling this requisition, the Government printers used the Gothic type, which had already been decided on for the forthcoming issue, on the 5pf stamp of the REICHSPPOST series. Altogether, 220 sheets or 22,000 were printed thus and the error was placed on sale about the middle of September. Dr. Rommel tells us that 18,500 were sold and that the balance of 3,500 were held at the disposal of the Moroccan offices by the Government Printing Office in Berlin. According to the *Deutsche Verkehrszeitung* (Official Gazette) all the stamps inscribed REICHSPPOST and surcharged for Morocco which were in the keeping of the Government Printing Office were ordered to be destroyed in February, 1907, so that it is possible the balance of the errors were burned with other remainders at that time.



Reference List.

1905. German stamps inscribed DEUTSCHES REICH surcharged in Gothic type in black or red (3m).
 20. (a) 3c on 3pf brown, Scott's No. 720.
 21. (a) 5c on 5pf green, Scott's No. 721.
 22. (a) 10c on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 722.
 23. (a) 25c on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 723.
 24. (a) 30c on 25pf black and orange on yellow, Scott's No. 724.
 25. (a) 35c on 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 725.
 26. (a) 50c on 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 726.
 27. (a) 60c on 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 727.
 28. (a) 1 pes on 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 728.
 29. (b) 1p 25c on 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 729.

30. (b) 2p 50c on 2 mark blue, Scott's No. 730.
 31. (b) 3p 75c on 3 mark violet-black, Scott's No. 732.
 32. (c) 6p 25c on 5 mark black and lake, Scott's No. 731.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

In 1906, as the stocks of the old supplies were used up, these stamps began to appear on the lozenge watermarked paper introduced for the stamps of the German Empire in 1905. The 3c was issued in February, 1906; the 10c appeared in September and the 25c in December. The next value to make its appearance was the 5c which was issued in February, 1907. Two months later, the 6p 25c value appeared, to be followed by the 2p 50c in July and the 1p 25c in August. It was not until March, 1908, that the next denomination—35c—appeared, and then over two years elapsed until the 50c was issued. In 1911, the 30c, 60c and 1 peseta were issued but the 3p 75c necessary to complete the set was never issued on the watermarked paper.

Reference List.

- 1906-11. As last but watermarked Lozenges.
 33. 3c on 3pf brown, Scott's No. 733.
 34. 5c on 5pf green, Scott's No. 734.
 35. 10c on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 735.
 36. 25c on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 736.
 37. 30c on 25pf black and orange on yellow, Scott's No. 737.
 38. 35c on 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 738.
 39. 50c on 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 739.
 40. 60c on 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 740.
 41. 1pes on 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 741.
 42. 1p 25c on 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 742.
 43. 2p 50c on 2 mark blue, Scott's No. 743.
 44. 6p 25c on 5 mark black and lake, Scott's No. 744.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

In 1911, some officious individual discovered that the spelling "Marocco" on these stamps was hardly correct, consequently, an entirely new set had to be issued with the surcharge Germanised to "Marokko". With the exception of this alteration of the two letters "c" to "k", the type and arrangement on the various values is the same as before. All values are on the lozenge watermarked paper.

Reference List.

1911. Surcharged "Marokko" and new values. Watermarked Lozenges.
 45. 3c on 3pf brown, Scott's No. 745.
 46. 5c on 5pf green, Scott's No. 746.
 47. 10c on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 747.
 48. 25c on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 748.
 49. 30c on 25pf black and orange on yellow, Scott's No. 749.
 50. 35c on 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 750.
 51. 50c on 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 751.
 52. 60c on 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 752.
 53. 1pes on 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 753.
 54. 1p 25c on 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 754.
 55. 2p 50c on 2 mark blue, Scott's No. 755.
 56. 3p 75c on 3 mark violet-black, Scott's No. 757.
 57. 6p 25c on 5 mark black and lake, Scott's No. 756.

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The first country in which Germany established foreign post offices was the Turkish Empire, and its philatelic history, as Mr. Barnsdall puts it, "reflects the continual fluctuation of exchange of local currency and the strenuous competition of the various Powers to capture the postal traffic." The first office was opened at Galata, Constantinople, on March 1st, 1870 and in 1875 a branch office was opened in Stamboul, or Constantinople proper. The next office was established at Jaffa on October 1st, 1898, on the occasion of the visit of the German Emperor, and on March 1st, 1900, offices were opened at Smyrna, Beirut, Jerusalem, and Pera, the latter being a suburb of Constantinople.

Beirut, or Beyrouth, is a seaport on the Mediterranean, in Syria, Turkey in Asia, situated on a bay at the foot of a prolongation of the Lebanon, 55 miles by rail from Damascus, whose port it is. Beirut is the healthiest place on the coast having temperate summers and a plentiful supply of rain in the winters. It is a town of considerable antiquity and was at one time a port of the Phoenicians. It came later under the power of Egypt, from whom it was taken by Antiochus the Great, and so became part of Syria. Conquered for the Romans by Agrippa, it was made by Augustus a military colony under the name of Colonia Julia Augusta Felix Berytus. During the Crusades it belonged alternately to the Christians and to the Saracens. In 1763 it fell into the power of the Turks; was conquered by Ibrahim Pasha, son of Mehemet Ali of Egypt in 1831; and played an important part in the Oriental question in 1840, when it was bombarded on September 10th by the allied English, Austrian and Turkish fleets, until evacuated by the Egyptians. Its modern growth dates from 1843 when steam navigation was introduced. It has a present population of about 150,000, over one-fourth of whom are Mohammedans.

Constantinople, the capital of the Ottoman Empire, was founded in 330 A. D. by Constantine the Great, from whom it derives its name. The city consists of two distinct parts—Stamboul or Constantinople proper, and Christian Constantinople (Pera, Galata, and Top-hana). The two are separated by the Golden Horn, a creek about five miles long and half a mile wide at the entrance, a safe and spacious harbor, and so deep that large ironclads can lie quite close to the shore. Stamboul lies on the southern side of the Golden Horn and Christian Constantinople on the northern side. The two are connected by a couple of rude but convenient bridges. The old walls, in courses of stone and red brick, and 14 miles in circuit, show that the modern Turkish city occupies much the same area as the capital of the first Christian emperor. Within these walls the city rises, like Rome, upon seven low hills, crowned by noble mosques, with a wilderness of picturesque, tumble-down, filthy wooden houses and bazaars climbing up their sides. In Stamboul are nearly all the monuments and antiquities worth seeing in Constantinople. In 330 A. D., impressed by its magnificent site, Constantine the Great abandoned the old capital of the Roman Empire on the Tiber, and founded in the place of Byzantium a new metropolis on the Bosphorus which he called Constantinople. Its

walls and public buildings were enlarged and beautified by Justinian in 527-565. Since then it has undergone many sieges by Sassanians, Persians, Avars, Saracens (six times), Russians (in 9th to 11th Centuries), Latins and Turks; and of its twenty-six sieges and eight captures, that of the Latins under Baldwin and Dandolo in 1204 was by far the most disastrous, barbarous and spoiling. In comparison, the Turkish sieges were humane and chivalrous: the first took place in 1356; Murad II made the attempt again in 1422; and Mohammed II carried the city in 1453.

Galata, at which the first German post office was established, is pre-eminently the merchant quarter, and it was founded in 1216 by a colony of Genoese merchants. The Tower of Galata, a Genoese erection, serves the same purpose as the Seraskier's Tower on the opposite side in giving alarms of fires. A tunnelled railway drags passengers up the steep ascent to Pera.

Pera is the aristocratic quarter; here are all the embassies and consulates. The steep and badly paved Grande Rue is lined with fair if expensive shops, and boasts a rude opera house, many cafés and restaurants, and most of the principal hotels. The total population of Constantinople probably exceeds a million and a quarter, and at least half of the inhabitants are Mohammedans.

Jaffa, or Joppa as it was known in Biblical times, is a town on the seacoast of Syria, 37 miles north-west of Jerusalem. Under Constantine the place, which had been destroyed by Vespasian, became a bishop's see, and, as the Crusaders' great landing place, was taken and retaken by Christian and Moslem. In 1799 Napoleon stormed it; in 1832, it was taken by Mehemet Ali, and restored to the Turks by British help. The open roadstead, the ancient walls, the yellow sand-dunes, and the orange gardens are now the chief features of the brown town on its hillock. The population is estimated at about 40,000. There is a regular German colony near the town and although it only numbers some three hundred souls it was established so long ago as 1869.

Jerusalem, regarded as a holy city alike by Jews, Christians and Moslems, long the capital of Palestine, stands on the spurs of two hills surrounded and divided by two valleys, once deep, but now partly or wholly filled up with rubbish. The Eastern Hill was originally a rounded top crowned with the "threshing floor of Araunah," and the rock and cave, probably a sacred site from time immemorial. The Western Hill, higher than the other by more than a hundred feet, was also bounded by steep slopes. Either hill was, therefore, a strong hill-fortress. The history of Jerusalem covers a period of about 3,500 years. Of these 500 at least are prehistoric; and of the 3000 years which remain, less than 500 show us Jerusalem independent, the capital of a free country, and the center of a national religion. For 600 years longer the city was in the hands of the Israelites, but never wholly independent. Its name is found on an inscription at least 500 years before David; it was besieged almost immediately after the death of Joshua (1400 B. C.) and was the constant centre of strife until 586 B. C., when it was entirely destroyed. Fifty years later it was rebuilt but for 500 years after this Jerusalem knew not a single generation of

peace. Internal factions tore it to pieces; the city was in possession in turn of Persian, Macedonian, Syrian, Egyptian, and Roman. Under Antiochus the temple was consecrated to Zeus Olympius; and swine were sacrificed on the altars. But for the Maccabees, the religion of the Jews would have been abandoned and their nationality lost. The city was besieged, taken, and again totally destroyed by Titus in 70 A. D. In 134 A. D., the rebellion of Bar Cocheba was the signal for another devastation; but in 136 Hadrian rebuilt the city, called it Aelia Capitolina, and generally paganised it. When the empire eventually became Christian, pilgrimages to the holy place increased greatly in number, and in 333 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was founded. In 614, Jerusalem was attacked by the Persians, and in 637 it passed into the power of Islam, falling to the Caliph Omar. The Arab overlords were on the whole not unfriendly to the Christians, and the city was well cared for under them; but when the Seljuk Turks came into power, their oppression of the pilgrims became a challenge to the Christian powers, and the crusades were the results. Godfrey of Bouillon rescued the city in 1099, but it was retaken by Saladin in 1187. From 1247, it was subject to Egypt for two hundred and seventy years, but eventually fell to the Sultan Selim I in 1517. In 1825, there was a partially successful revolt against the Turkish despotism, but in 1849 the authority of Turkey was confirmed by the powers. Of late years the city has become the rendezvous of thousands of exiled Jews, mainly from Russia. Its present population is about 50,000.

Smyrna, the most important seaport of Asia Minor, stands at the head of the Gulf of Smyrna, which penetrates 46 miles inland from the Aegean Sea. It was founded, probably about 1000 B. C., by Achaen or Aolian colonists from Greece, though it subsequently became Ionian. Early in the 7th century B. C., it resisted the Lydian king, Gyges; but in 627 B. C., his grandson, Alyattes, took the city and utterly destroyed it. At last it was restored by Lysimachus, early in the 3rd century B. C. It then became one of the finest cities in Asia Minor. From the Romans it received privileges because of its fidelity in their wars with Mithridates. In 178 and 180 A. D., it suffered greatly from earthquakes. A Christian church was established there at an early date. In 1084, Smyrna was captured by a Turkish chief, and then nearly destroyed by a Greek fleet. The emperor Alexis Comnenus restored it; afterwards it suffered much from a siege by Tamerlane (1402), and in 1424 fell into the hands of the Turks. Smyrna was one of the towns claimed to be the birthplace of Homer. About 2700 years ago Smyrna was one of the principal trading centres for Asia Minor; and now it has as a seaport the lion's share of the Asia Minor trade with Europe. The harbor is large, safe, and easily accessible, but is in imminent danger of silting up. It has an estimated population of about a quarter of a million of whom 130,000 are Greeks (more than the population of Athens), 23,000 Jews, 12,000 Armenians, 12,700 Europeans, and the rest Turks.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The first German stamps overprinted for use in the Turkish post offices were not issued until January 25th, 1884. From 1870, when the first office was established at Constantinople, until that date ordinary current German stamps were used (the issues of the North German Confederation of 1869, and of the German Empire from 1872 until 1880). Mr. Barnsdall gives the reason for the overprinted stamps as follows:

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Reference List.

1889. Overprinted on German stamps of same date.
- 10 para on 5pf green, Scott's No. 508.
 - 20 para on 10pf rose, Scott's No. 509.
 - 1 pia on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 510.
 - 1 1/4 pia on 25pf orange, Scott's No. 511.
 - 2 1/2 pia on 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 512 or 512a.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Our S. P. A. communication of two weeks ago has given rise to further communication that would prove interesting reading but would not help matters any. All has been said that needs to be said.

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1911, 2c on 2c blue with Postal Surcharge on the face of the stamp, either Type I or Type II	1.25	.25
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NORWAY, 1907, 1kr 500 ultra No. 75, very fine	.75	.25
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*PERSIA, 1902, from 1c to 50k, Nos. 255, 280 to 287, 289, 290 & 314, 12 var., nice cheap set	4.34	.85
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 - 2 1/2 pia on 50pf green, Scott's No. 505 or 506.

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At the time that the new surface printed stamps were placed on sale in Germany (October 1st, 1889), the same series overprinted with new values in Turkish currency was placed on sale in the Levant offices. The values were the same as before and the overprints on the two lower values were somewhat similar, in fact, the 20 para overprint is so like that of 1884 that it would seem to have been applied by the same form.

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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

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Who can look through this issue without being impressed with the truth of the words spoken by some of our veteran dealers? We do not need to quote them, they speak for themselves!

American collectors cannot help profiting by the great war now being waged in Europe. We did not want it, we would have prevented it if possible and we can only hope and pray that our beloved nation may remain a neutral nation to the very end.

In the months to come the United States must needs be a busy spot and philatelists will share in the general prosperity. In the meantime do not forget that the enterprising stamp dealer gives his best offers newspaper publicity and the columns of this paper are just bulging with tempting bargains.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Well Begun—We announce the grand opening of the stamp season. However, before the aforesaid season gets its stride, a period of readjustment and rehabilitation must be passed. Old acquaintanceships must be reaffirmed and new ones established; vacations must have been succeeded by work or study and the old routine must have been restored. The weather is an arbiter of stamp seasons and one must take a chance with its caprices before affixing dates in the philatelic calendar. So soon as the cool nights make it comfortable in-doors, stamps will cast their spell over members, young and old, of many a household throughout our broad land. So, we celebrate the coming season with an opening reception at which we wish cheer and comradeship to enter into the spirit of the occasion so that the start of the season may be propitious and an augury for an active and pleasant stamp year.

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France I	.06	Ivory Coast	.05
France II	.05	Madagascar	.05
Dahomey	.05	Martinique	.05
Morocco I	.08	Mauretania	.05
Morocco II	.05	New Caledonia	.15
Morocco III	.05	Reunion, red surcharge	.15
Alexandria	.06	Reunion, black surcharge	6.00
Port Said	.05	St. Pierre Miquelon	.05
India, local overprint	.15	Senegal	.05
Guadeloupe	.05	Somali Coast	.05
Indo China, I Local Surcharge	.15	Tunis	.05
Indo China, II	.05	Upper Senegal	.06

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Cut It Out—The following little notice of a "cut-out" ordered by the censors of moving pictures at Chicago is significant of the care that is taken in some quarters to preserve the letter of the law that no representations be made of the postal certificates of the United States: "Cut-outs. Tribune Weekly No. 15. (Chicago Tribune.) Five close views of stamped envelopes."

True to Early Training—We find that the new book, *The Passport*, by Emilie Voute, is being advertised by the New York publishers as "the book that points the way toward ending war." Further, it is "a challenge to the Edisons" as "until the Passport appeared no one seems to have pointed out that war can only be ended by discovering some agent that will overcome force without killing." If we can borrow the book somewhere, we shall try to read it as we are curious how our old friend has handled the subject. Nothing is beyond Mr. Voute as in his salad days, he ran a sprightly stamp paper, the *Stamp Collectors' Figaro*, at Chicago, for several years at the tender age of fifteen years. In our humble opinion, Mr. Voute is well equipped to subdue war with which he became acquainted so early in his career; and we congratulate him upon breaking into the ranks of the "best sellers" as we fondly hope he does.

Prison Postmarks—Some time ago, we compiled a list of postmarks found on letters sent by southern soldiers who were confined in military prisons in the north, that was not offered as a complete register of the detention camps equipped with postoffice paraphernalia but as a nucleus of a list of the kind. The prisons in question were: Johnson's Island, Ohio, with complementary postmark of Sandusky, Ohio; Camp Douglas, Illinois, with postmark of Chicago; Delaware City, Delaware and Delaware Bay, Delaware. The markings were all in postmark form. The prison camp at Elmira, New York, had no special postmark impression, we believe. All letters sent by captured southern soldiers were rated with the three cent U. S. stamp, which paid the postage to Richmond (or New Orleans) and the ten cents Confederate postage was collected upon delivery of the letters at the destination in the south. Letters sent by northern prisoners in camps in the south bearing the ten cent Confederate stamp and "Due 6" are very scarce and we do not know of any southern prison that had a postal equipment, in the way of postmark with prison name, etc. We find "Andersonville Prison" written over the stamp and envelope and we doubt if

there are any prison postmarks of the south in existence. Enlightenment on this phase would be welcomed.

Due Marks—A reader calls attention to the earliest indication of "postage due" on an envelope that he has been able to find; and which is: "Due 10" in circle, on an envelope postmarked Charlottesville, Va., August 28th, 1863. He cites a variation of a due impression on an envelope postmarked, August 10th, 1869, in the marking just under the three cent locomotive, "Advanced Due 1 Ct.," enclosed in a circle.

Some More of Them—Mr. Hugh C. Barr has shown us a vertical pair of the five centavos yellow and green Maytorena issue, Mexico, design of stage coach, with no "Sonora, Mexico" inscription under the value but instead are the words in black in three lines: "Distrito Sur—de la Baja Cal.—Mexico." The pair is postmarked, LaPaz—29 April 1915—B. Cfa. Baja Cal. signifies Lower California. The stamps came on ordinary mail from Mexico and Mr. Barr supposed at the time of their receipt that they would soon be chronicled. However, no further stamps of this type were received and it is believed that they have not been mentioned heretofore. Mr. Barr calls attention also to a "Gobierno Constitutionalist" surcharge in very small letters that appeared on a number of the five centavos Mexico that were sent into his office as a remittance. Elsewhere, we shall illustrate the two types.

Nebraska Convention—We are informed that the convention of the Nebraska State Philatelic Society will be held at Omaha on October 7th, 1915; and it may be unnecessary to add that collectors generally will be heartily welcomed there. The meeting will have the advantage of being held during the week dedicated to a state celebration and a number of non-resident philatelists have promised to attend the convention. There is a full and rising tide of philatelic interest in Omaha and it is safe to say that the meeting will be a memorable one.

Patent Cancellation—From Mr. Geo. H. Bachoven, Palmyra, New York, we have received a drawing of what evidently is a variant of the patent stamp cancellations mentioned by Mr. Stevenson in his recent article. The impression which is on a two cent vermilion, 1875, takes the shape of a circle, which not being completed at right, resembles a

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large and rotund C. Enclosed in this form is a rectangle of dots, eight rows of seven each, partly perforated through the stamp. The cancellation evidently belongs to the period when experimental means were taken to forestall the machinations of the stamp cleaner.

Dyestuff—We have heard something about the possibility of difficulty in obtaining pigments for use in stamp making because of the closing of a chief source of supply by the war. Director Ralph is quoted as having said that by practicing economy, the bureau has a supply on hand sufficient to meet the requirements of the next six months for both stamps and bills. It is claimed that progress is being made by chemists in this country in the preparation of coloring matter that enters into stamp manufacturing and it is predicted that no aching void is likely to exist when the present supply of the bureau is exhausted.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

HOW I COLLECT BELGIUM.

By CHARLES E. JENNEY.

When the war began I had the postage stamps of Belgium complete as listed by Scott, with the exception of three values of the current set, which I am still lacking. I had also specialized a bit in this country, as I do in all others, and the various side lines have proven of special interest to me and others in view of the developments of the war. I sincerely trust that the crime of the century—the invasion of Belgium by Germany may be amply avenged and to see the Belgians again occupying in peace their full territory. In any event, the collection as I have it arranged can scarcely decrease in interest, as a large part of the towns and cities shown have become historic, even were they not so before.

First, I collect the issues straight through, according to Scott's catalogue, including the minor varieties, and also with an amplification in shades. In these Belgium is rich. There is no stamp that is very hard to get unless it is the five francs in postally used condition.

Beginning with the issues of 1893, I collect the sets both with and without the "Sunday" label. Following the postal packet stamps I place the telegraph stamps which are hexagonal in shape.

My next pages are devoted to the issues of 1851 to 1863 (second type) showing the cancellation numbers of the different post-offices. Belgium at that time employed a system similar to that of England, having a fixed number for each post-office, which number showed in the cancelling device. The numbers run up to above 1000 and some of them are extremely difficult to find. I have not been able to obtain yet a list showing the names of the post-offices opposite their proper number, but I believe that this is known to the advanced Belgium collectors.

In order to supplement the foregoing, I collect the Postal Packet stamps showing the postmarks of the different towns of Belgium. These usually show very distinctly and entire, owing to the large size of the stamps. The newspapers of the past twelve months have made the greater number of these names very familiar to us and of course the greater part of them no longer appear on postmarks.

Then I have a collection of Belgium Precancelled stamps, about 800 in all. These were first used about 1893 and the year was changed in the print each year. They are inscribed in rectangles and the names of the towns often appear in both French and Flemish. These are by no means an uninteresting lot, and the names of Ghent, Liege and Waterloo bring the true historic touch into the collection. The Belgium type of Precancel is very stable, very much more regular than our own haphazard printings, and about the only varieties in any one year are the change from reading upward to reading downward (None of the Belgium precancels are horizontal but all vertical).

The last pages of the collection are devoted to pairs, strips and blocks. These are particularly interesting in the imperforate early issues.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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TO THE EDITOR:

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY being so widely circulated, I wish to ask you to kindly publish this for us to again get in connection with our philatelic friends over the states and abroad.

Galveston was visited Aug. 16 by a terrible West Indies hurricane, but thanks to our seawall, the city was not wiped out of existence. Now the philatelists of Galveston desire their friends to know that they are still alive, not only bodily, but also in the philatelic sense. Correspondents and Exchange or Sales Superintendents of various organizations may send circuits as before and the same will be carefully and promptly attended to as usual.

I take this opportunity to mention that through the efficiency of the Galveston Post Office and the devotion of all the Post-Office functionaries and employees, the postal service has suffered but very little delay. Despite the fact that all railroad connections were severed for many days, mails were promptly forwarded and received by boats across the bay. They deserve great thanks from everybody, and specially from philatelists and ought to get credit for the good work done, considering that most of the P. O. people were themselves more or less suffering from the hurricane. This did not keep them from working for the public extra time and over time.

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ALBANIA, 1914, 5, 10, 20pa	20	MOROCCO 1914, 1-10c	13	*PERSIA Nos. 422-427, 6 dif.	11
ARGENTINA 1908, 20, 24, 50c, ea.	04	GUADALOUPE 1905, 1-10c	07	1911, 1, 2, 3, 6, 9c	09
1910, Jubilee, 12c blue	04	GUINEA 1913, 1-10c	11	1908, "Packet", 1, 2, 3, 6, 9c	27
1911, 20, 24, 30, 50c, ea.	04	GUYANE 1905, 1-10c	11	1908, Serv. 1c-10c, 10 dif.	31
1914, 20, 40c, each	04	GABON 1911, 1-10c	06	1912, Official 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 13c	24
1901, Official, 10c green	04	INDO-CHINE 1907, 1-10c	06	PERU 1908, 1, 2, 5c, ea.	03
20 different, various issues	23	INDO-CHINE 1914, 1-10c	12	1909, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12c	08
AUSTRALIAN Comm. 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 6d, 1sh	19	IVORY COAST 1913, 1-10c	11	1909, 1c-1 sucre, complete	23
Kangaroo 1/4-1sh, 10 dif.	06	MAURITANIA 1913, 1-10c	08	1909, 50c, No. 184	05
Kangaroo 2, 3p, each	03	MADAGASCAR 1908, 1-10c	07	1909, 1s, No. 185	08
Kangaroo 4, 6p and 1sh, ea.	05	MARTINIQUE 1908, 1-10c	07	PHILIPPINES 1906, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10c	10
AUSTRIA 1908, Jubilee, 15 dif.	12	NEW CALEDONIA 1905, 1-10c	11	1906, 16, 20c, ea.	05
1904, 1-72h, 14 dif.	07	OCEANIA 1913, 1-10c	12	1911, 16c olive, No. 267	06
1900, Dues, perf., 8 dif.	07	ST. PIERRE 1913, 1-10c	12	1911, 1 peso, No. 271	12
1900, Dues, imp., 8 dif.	03	SENEGAL 1913, 1-10c	10	PORTUGAL 1910, 2 1/2-50r	15
1908, Levant 2pi, No. 1051	03	SOMALI COAST 1909, 1-4c	08	1912, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 5, 10r	11
BAHAMAS 1884, 1p, No. 26	03	SOMALI COAST 1915, 1-10c	14	QUEENSLAND 2p, No. 40	08
BARBADOS 1905, 1p (Nelson)	04	UPPER SENEGAL 1906, 1-5c	08	RHODESIA 1sh, No. 33	10
BAVARIA 1911, 1M, scarce	06	RE-UNION 1906, 1-10c	07	ROUMANIA 1906, 6 different	11
BELGIUM 1895, P. Post, 2f	03			Charity 1907 Complete	10
*BRUSSELS Exp., 5, 10, 10c	06			RUSSIA, Offices in Levant, 13 dif.	21
*ANTWERP Exp., 5, 10, 25c	06			22 dif. Levant offices	59
BOLIVIA 1894, 1-100c, complete	08			Levant 1910, Nos. 61-64	10
BOSNIA 1910, Jubilee, 5 dif.	18			1913, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 14k	12
Dues, 1904, 1-200h, complete	03			1902, 70k, 1r, ea.	03
BRAZIL 1908, 100r, No. 187	03			1913, 14k	03
1900, 200r, No. 188	04			ST. LUCIA 1/2, 1c, Nos. 50, 51, ea.	04
1900, 500r, No. 181	04			ST. VINCENT 1, 1p, Nos. 99, 105, ea.	02
1906, 1000r, No. 183	07			SALVADOR 1912, 17c, No. 410	04
1906, 2000r, No. 184	10			1912, 1, 2, 5, 6, 17c	11
1910, 600r, No. 189	06			*1906, Nos. 336-348, comp., 12 dif.	38
1913, 1000r, No. 191	04			*1906, Off. 751-60, comp., 10 dif.	44
Official 1906, 10,000r, No. 513	11			*1910, 378-90, comp., 13 dif.	32
Official 1913, 10,000r, 8 dif.	39			*1910, Off. 781-92, comp., 12 dif.	32
BULGARIA 1901, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25s	12			*1910, Duv. 574-80, comp., 7 dif.	23
1911, Pictures, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25s	25			*1914, Prov. Officials Comp.	23
1913, Surcharged, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25s	25			*1906, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 13c	12
CANADA 1915, War Tax (schgd.) 1, 2c	04			SERBIA 1898, 1-25p, 6 dif.	10
1903, Kg. Ed. 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 50c	17			1901, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50p	21
1912, Kg. Geo., 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 50c	05			1904, Death Mask, 5-50p	34
1890, 5c Beaver, No. 15	07			1905, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 80, 50p, 1d	21
*1882, 1/2c black, No. 40	02			1911, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50p	13
1892, 50c blue, No. 47, fine	12			SIAM, 50 dif., fine	160
1892, 8c, Nos. 48, 49, grey, slate, ea.	03			20 dif., a nice little lot	42
1892, 8c, Nos. 48, 49, ea.	03			*STRAITS 1898, 4 on 5c, No. 87	23
Special Del. 1898, 10c, ea.	05			1904, 30c, No. 116	18
*CANAL ZONE 1909, 2c, No. 42	03			1904, 50c, No. 117, underpriced	20
1909, 5c blue, No. 43	02			1904, \$1, No. 118	30
1909, 8c violet, No. 44	04			*Johore 1903, 3 on 4c, No. 52	04
1911, 10 on 13c, No. 46	04			SWITZERLAND 1907, 11 dif.	12
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE 1884, 6p, No. 44	03			TRINIDAD 1896, 2 1/2p, No. 76	05
1902, Kg. Ed., 2, 3p, ea.	10			TRINIDAD-TOBAGO, 2 1/2p	03
CEYLON 1912, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15c	10			TRANSVAAL, 6p, No. 128	09
CHILE 1902, 1, 2, 10, 30c	07			1894, 6p blue, No. 151, cat. 40	16
1911, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c	07			1902, 2p, No. 254	03
1911, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50c, 1, 2p	49			1904-6, 3, 4, 6p, ea.	03
*Dues 1898, 1, 2, 4, 10c	11			1904, 1 shilling	05
1892, 1 peso brown, No. 35	06			1904, 1/2, 1, 3, 4, 6p, 1sh	14
1900, 5 on 80c, No. 45	04			TURKEY 1892, 4 dif.	04
1900, 50c brown, No. 44	04			1901, 5, 10, 20pa, 1pi, Nos. 110-113	05
1904, 3 on 1p, No. 64, 12 on 5c, No. 67, ea.	04			1908, 5pa-10pi, 8 dif., cat. 90	34
1905, 30c green & black, No. 76	03			1908, 10, 20pa, 1-2pi, cat. 48	16
1911, 15c vio-blk, No. 104	03			1907, 10, 20pa, 1-2pi, Nos. 127-131	08
1911, 25c blue-blk, No. 106	10			1909, 2pa-2pi, 6 dif.	06
1911, 50c green-black, No. 108	10			1908, Constitution 5, 10, 20pa, 1pi	15
1911, 1p green-black, No. 109	10			1913, 2-10, 20pa, 1, 5pi	22
*CHINA, Kew Kiang, 7 var.	09			1913, 10-20pa, 1pi, Nos. 247-50, scarce	14
1912, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 10c, Nos. 119-126	15			*1914 Pictures, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 1pi	19
1912, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c, Nos. 134-141	15			Newspaper, 1905, 5 dif.	16
1913, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c	38			1908, 5, 10, 20pa, 1pi	10
1913, 2c-50c, 12 dif.	38			1908, 5, 10, 20pa, 1-2pi	13
1913, 20c brown red, No. 188	03			1909, 5, 10, 20pa, 1-2pi	12
*COSTA RICA 1901, 50c, No. 50	12			1909, 5, 10, 20pa, 1, 2, 5pi	23
1901, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25c	14			UNION OF S. AFRICA No. 1, blue	03
1905, 1 on 20c, No. 58c error	09			1913, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 4, 6p, 1sh	25
1903, 25c gray-brown, No. 57	04			1913, 3, 4, 6p, 1sh, ea.	04
1907, 25c gray-black, No. 65	04			URUGUAY, 1910, 5m, 1, 2, 5, 8, 20c	21
1911, 10c blue-black, No. 83	05			1904, 5c, Nos. 162, 162a, 162b, ea.	03
1911, 1 on 25c, No. 88; 5 on 5c, No. 100, ea.	04			1904, 20c gray green, No. 165	10
*CRETE Revolution, 6 dif.	09			1900, 10c gray violet, No. 153	05
1904, 2, 5, 10c	06			1906, 7c orange, No. 172	05
1908, 1, 2, 5, 10c	15			1906, 50c rose, No. 173	14
CUBA 1914, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c	10			1909, 8 on 10c, No. 179	05
DOMINICAN REP. 50 dif.	127			1912, 8c blue, No. 206	04
25 different, a bargain at	10			*1902, Postage Due 1c cat. \$1	19
1901, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10c	13			1902, Postage Due 2c	06
1902, 2, 5, 10, 12, 20, 50c	13			VENEZUELA 25 dif.	31
1907, 1, 2, 5, 10c	10			*1882, Escus 5, 10, 25, 50c, 1, 3b	11
1911, 1/2, 1, 2, 5, 10c	10			*1893, 5, 25, 50, 5, 10c	09
*1914, Duarte, 1/2, 1, 2, 5c	15			1904, 5, 10, 25, 50c	09
*1915, 1/2 on 20c official	03			1911, 5, 15, 25, 50c	09
*1915, 1 on 1c, 2 on 2c, official, ea.	08			1879, 5c yellow, No. 31	04
*1915, 5 on 5c official, scarce	11			*1904-6, 3b, No. 242, cat. 50	13
1904-05, 1/2c, No. 146, 2c, No. 147, 1/4c	19			Official 1912, 50c, No. 326	10
1906, 1 on 4c, No. 161, 1 on 10c, No. 162, 2 on 5c, No. 163	22			Official 1912, 1b, No. 327	20
*1885, 20c brown, No. 92	09			UNITED STATES	
1901, 10c orange-violet, No. 124	03			1882-88, 9 dif.	12
1907, 10c violet-black, No. 176	04			Omaha 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c	24
1913, 10c violet-black, No. 182	04			Buffalo 1, 2, 4, 5, 10c	21
Dues 1901, 2, 4, 6, 10c comp.	16			Parcel Post 1-25c	17
Dues 1913, 2, 4, 6, 10c comp.	18			Interior Dept. 4 dif.	33
DUTCH INDIES, 50 dif. fine	69			P. O. Dept. 2, 3, 6c	24
1901, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5c	05			War Dept. 7 dif.	70
1902, 2 1/2, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 50c	10			Treasury Dept. 7 dif.	56
1914, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 3, 5, 10c	08			Revenue Dec. 1898, 10 dif.	13
1906, 17 1/2c bistre, No. 58	05			Revenue Prop. 1898, 9 dif.	12
1906, 22 1/2c brown-olive, No. 59	06			1862, 5c, No. 75; 24c, No. 78, ea.	46
1906, 1 Gulden, No. 55	09			1871, 6c, No. 148	10
Java, 1/2c-20c, 8 dif.	16			1871-3, 30c, Nos. 154, 165, ea.	29
Java 1 Gulden, No. 96	13			1875-9, 5c, Nos. 179-181, ea.	04
Buiten Beitz 25, 30, 50c ea.	04			1895, 50c, No. 275	14
Buiten Beitz 1 Gulden, No. 78	20			1902, 50c, No. 310	10
*ECUADOR 1904, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c	33			1904, 5c McKinley	07
1913, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c	07			1908, 50c, No. 333	12
*1904, 1c red-black, No. 156	04			Postal, \$1, No. 334	22
EGYPT 1914, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10c	09			Postal Savings 1c	06
Official 1907, 1, 2, 3, 5m, 1pi	05			Parcel Post Due 1c	02
1889, 10pi, No. 48, cat. 12	03			100 dif. U. S. fine	70
FIJI IS. 1901, 1p, No. 71	04				
1906, 1p, No. 72	03				
1912, 1p, No. 80	03				
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DAHOMY 1913, 1-10c	11				
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ALEXANDRIA 1902, 1-5c	09				
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LEVANT 1902, 1-10c	11				
MOROCCO 1902, 1-10c	11				
MOROCCO 1911, 1-10c	09				
MOROCCO 1913, 1-10c	09				

THE TRUE STAMP LOVER.

By DEREK INGRAM.

Philately has developed in such a way that it is now possible to adapt its varied phases to almost any subject of general interest. A history book, or a biography of some distinguished national character, can now be well illustrated by a collection of postage stamps, and the possibilities of the future must be patent to all. We might well imagine some philatelic historian of a few decades hence, harking back to the days when the stamp lover influenced many things. In like manner, one is reminded of the writer who, so long ago as 1769, urged the value of a collection of engraved portraits in conjunction with the study of a "Biographical History of England," upon which he was engaged. This enterprising historian was the Revd. James Granger, and his name is now a household word to the student of a nation's postal emissions—the true stamp-lover.

"Grangerising" is consequently a necessary adjunct to the vocabulary of the ardent specialist, and the word must therefore be included in our philatelic etymology. Its purview embraces a collection or study of postal decrees, notices and documents affecting a country's postal issues, postmarks and franks used before the appearance of adhesive stamps, drawings, essays, proofs from dies and plates, prints or photographs of post offices or other postal objects, engravings, and a knowledge of market-values of stamps at different periods. This definition of the scope of Grangerising might well be extended. There are the well-known instances provided by America—one of these being a collection of old United States bank-notes bearing vignettes of bygone Presidents, which had subsequently been reduced as stamp designs. The same collection includes such items as: An engraving of Benjamin Franklin, first Postmaster-General of America; a photograph of Houdon's famous bust of Washington, forming the subject of a number of United States stamp-designs; and the menu card of the old White Star liner *Arctic*, from which was reduced the mail steamer depicted on the 12 cents stamp of April, 1869.

At the other end of the scale, there is the "jackdaw" collector, who must gather unto himself samples of as many issues as possible. It is not to be gained that he derives a considerable amount of enjoyment from his hobby; but, as a rule, he skims the surface, and never arrives at the stage of specialising in any one thing. He is always on the point of arranging his collections, but never does so. He has the instinct of the collector, but lacks somewhat the discrimination of the *connoisseur*; he never knows what to reject.

There is such a difference, for the philatelist, between the true and the ideal. The ideal collector is he who approaches the subject with a love for what is beautiful. The gift of subtle appreciation of the beauty of engraving and colour is his from his birth. He is a man of taste, whose instinct has been gradually in the process of training unknown to himself. He is light-heartedly heedless of new issue "scoops" or choice war provisionals, and the worth of his own collection is a fact he never faces. He spends all he can afford in his pilgrimages to Fleet Street and the Strand! If possible, he will attend auction-sales and he gladly pays any sum necessary even only for the sight of an array of *taille douce* impressions. He lingers lovingly over some rare specimen beyond his means, and contents himself with something more within his means, but no less golden in quality.

Train the eye; handle as many stamps—good, bad, and indifferent—as you can, but do not be classed as a jackdaw collector. Search every volume of philatelic literature you can lay hands on. Read all that comes in your way concerning your hobby. Visit every dealer of good repute. If the spirit of stamp collecting is in your blood, you will by this means light a fire that will never go out as long as you live. The enthusiasm

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Please notice my use of the word "love" in the last sentence—the last word of that phrase is *not* intended as a pun! It is not only as a stamp-lover but as a lover of the engraver and his inch-square masterpieces, that the true philatelist finds himself. I do not want my present inditings to degenerate into a play on words, but I must say that Lover—S. Lover, at that—was the name of one who was well versed in fine art—Samuel Lover, the Irish painter, novelist, etc. His name in the Dictionary of National Biography, as a link between this word and the stamp-lover, must mean a more than ordinary significance in the world of art!

One result of the ramifications of the true stamp-lover is the comprehension of not only what is the best and most noteworthy in a finely-engraved stamp, but also of what we already know as the "Ideal" stamp design. The artist, who is the originator of the design, naturally wishes it to fulfil his conception of the artistic. He is, however, handicapped by the fact that he is working on a much larger scale than that of the finished product; and is tempted to forget that what is quite easy to draw on a larger scale, may be very difficult to engrave and print when reduced to the size of a postage stamp. The difficulty inevitably makes us sigh for the days of fine art *taille douce*—the early line-engraved stamps of Great Britain and some of her colonies, of Belgium, and of other countries—for among surface-printed stamps we find nothing of distinction.

Another lamentation is that finely-wrought line engraving is a lost art, which state of affairs compels the lover of beautiful stamps to look back, and accustom his eye, to engraver's work of a time immediately preceding our own. In short, the stamp-lover finds most enjoyment in studying the old "copper-plate" impressions, and the engraver himself. I have derived much pleasure in this way, my researches embracing a study of

(1) the portrait on the stamp—character and biography of the person portrayed;

- (2) the engraver—his biography, degree of genius, etc.;
- (3) the painter of the portrait (if any) which the engraver took as his model;
- (4) the actual engraving on the die; and
- (5) subsequent, more or less mechanical, operations, such as transfer-roll, printing-plates, etc., etc.

But there are still other stamp-lovers, who study the stamp itself, the mechanical or accidental modifications to the printing-plate which involved major or minor varieties. There is that famous lover of the *single* stamp—Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack—with his wonderful researches anent the 100 Reis of Brazil, 1894-7, which filled nearly twenty-eight pages of the October and November numbers of *The London Philatelist* three years ago. This stamp certainly possesses the attraction of showing several very prominent variations, which had escaped the notice of philatelists until within the last five years or so, and there are, in addition, numbers of minor varieties, showing more or less conspicuous flaws and defects, many of which were described and illustrated in the article referred to. This is perhaps an extreme case, and it may be that the study of minor varieties has been carried farther in this instance than is absolutely necessary, but we ourselves often experience the thrill of scanning closely every single specimen in a dealer's stock-book, in which we are interested.

A striking tribute to the utility of stamp-collecting is its propensity for encouraging a love for the study of the objects portrayed. A noteworthy example is the Landseer dog of Newfoundland, which British possession has given us the best of our "Dog" stamps. The stamp-lover, who is also a lover of the canine animal, now hopes for an entire philatelic series of Landseer. I recall Mr. Wilmot Corfield's reference to this stamp:—

"To me the philatelic zoo is an abomination to the collector, but this Humane Society's noble member is no mere animal of only decorative value. He stands for all that is virile and enduring. His beautiful little life, like that of all our four-footed domestic friends, is short but ever inspiring and comforting, and the Squire of Orchardleigh was happy in passing when

The last that his heart would understand,
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The stamp and the dog between them lend colour and music to a whole world of drabness and discord."

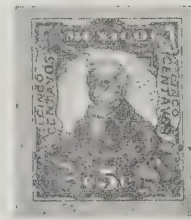
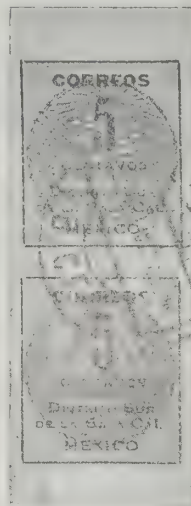
Sir Edwin Landseer's "A Distinguished Member of the Humane Society," as reproduced on the popular Half Cent stamp of Newfoundland, is one of those persistent things that somehow or other have crept into the weaving of the individuality of every English boy and man in the making, from 1838, when it was painted, onwards. The picture is not only of value as a faithful rendering on canvas of a "Friend of Man" but also as a contemporary painting of the "Newfoundland" of Landseer's day. The stamp has done a lot towards clearing up the confusion which, before its issue, existed in regard to the breed of the animal.—*Stamp Lover.*

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"THE GOOD OLD DAYS."

By JOSEPH LOWELL.

Every collector at some period of his collecting career, upon viewing some especially fine collection which has grown up with its owner, so to speak; a collection which may have had a very modest and humble beginning, but which has carefully and sometimes with real sacrifice been kept up to date as the long years have passed, has in his mind this thought: "How I wish that I had had his chance to buy these high-priced stamps at the low prices he paid for them! Oh, that I had lived in those good old days!" And nine times out of ten, Mr. Collector will sadly turn to his own collection, dreaming of the days when U. S. 1857, 1861, and the re-issues were obtainable at face, while foreign issues cost but face and a half, wondering meanwhile where he is to get the money to buy them at their present prices. Yet, fifty years from now it will be the same old story. The collector of 1965 will envy the collector of today, and rightly.

The stamps for the collector of moderate means today should be the stamps of today. Now, this decade presents the richest opportunity which has ever been offered collectors to make interesting yet very profitable purchases. A glance over the pages of Scott's catalogues for the ten years past will substantiate our statements. The stamps of the Edward reign cost but a fraction over face a few years ago. The prices on these have risen rapidly; what will they be worth ten, twenty-five, or fifty years hence? The Gilbert and Ellice surcharged issues, the New Hebrides surcharged issues, and the Newfoundland 20th Century issues have in some case advanced fifty times in price inside of five years. The first issue of Sonora, first (in 1913) sold at 18c a set, is now worth more nearly \$18.00 a set.

These are but a few of the countless instances we could give; a casual glance at the catalogue will reveal hundreds of similar cases. What will the present war issues, all obtainable now at a nominal figure, even as low as 10% over face, be worth in 1925? In 1965? To us, it seems that the collector whose means do not permit thousand dollar purchases annually; the collector who wants really interesting stamps at prices that he can afford to pay, stamps which will prove profitable as well as pleasing purchases, can make no better invest-

Advertising Chat—No. 5.

With this number of the WEEKLY we make our bow for the business season of 1915-16. We think you will agree with us that it is gracefully done and that it portends activity for the coming months. Our leading article this week voices our sentiments in regard to trade conditions and we urge its perusal.

We acknowledge the splendid patronage accorded us during the summer months. Even as virtue carries with it its own reward so the dealer who takes space week in and week out thru the year must know the benefit in so doing. When actively dealing we used every issue of the WEEKLY, and used that paper only as a publicity medium—and it brought us the business.

This week we shall introduce some new names to WEEKLY readers.

Dr. W. I. Mitchell of Wichita, Kan., launches a precancel campaign and lovers of these stamps will find that Dr. Mitchell has an excellent stock. The wonder is that these stamps have been given so little advertising publicity in the past.

On our way thru Newton, Kan., we met our friend Dickey and we gently chided him for hiding his light under a bushel. Now he gets back at us by taking 50 line Adlets and pre-cancelled stamps will no doubt be one of his specialties. He has advertised with us considerably and says: "The WEEKLY brings me as many customers as I can handle and they are always the best class of buyers."

The veteran dealer D. T. Eaton who is with us frequently has his troubles as well as the rest of us. Sending in his ad copy this week he writes:—"If you should hear that I have sent to the 'bug-house' you will know the cause. I have been trying to complete sets of envelopes of the ones going out, and the new ones coming in. When I find a good thing the firm who has them thinks I'm crazy, and in one instance sent a P. O. Inspector several hundred miles to investigate me. Perhaps the same officer would not go a block to investigate a crook who is trying to beat a dealer."

Our old friend Mr. Micheloni is back with us again and the mystery of his absence is explained by the fact that he has been off to Uruguay. He returned a few days since on the steamer Crofton Hall of the Norton Line from Montevideo and the results of his stay in Uruguay will no doubt bear fruit in stamp offerings of more than ordinary interest.

Two large advertisements in this issue will attract attention. The Hussman Co. has a variety of offerings while Mr. Riedell in his advertisement makes low priced stamps a specialty and his used Nicaragua are deserving of special mention.

Sending in his advg. copy, E. C. Dodd adds: "I have the largest and finest stock in the west, my stock being particularly strong in stamps ranging from 25c to \$10." In maintaining this claim we suggest that Mr. Dodd come across every week with some advg. copy.

Douglas G. Allen takes regular space this week. Mr. Allen specializes in U. S. stamps. M. Tausig an old time advertiser will use a half inch space during the coming months. L. W. Charlat wants to buy your collection and promises to resell it thru the columns of the WEEKLY.

We welcome the wholesale advt. of A. N. Ridgely. True we have Marks and Handshaw as wholesalers but the American stamp trade is woefully weak on this end of the business. Get in touch with Mr. Ridgely and let him know that he needs the WEEKLY regularly.

Guess we've said enuf!

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

ment than subscribing to some good and reliable new issue service, and thus form a collection that grows with him. To be sure, every stamp will not treble or even double in value as the years pass, yet, as we pore over the pages of our loose-leaf 20th Century albums, resplendent with their unused beauties, and compare their cost with the present values, we cannot help but thinking, "Truly, these are the good old days!"

SAN FRANCISCO STAMP SOCIETY.

The first six months' existence of the above society was brought to a successful close at the first annual meeting held September 7, at the Clubroom, 2233 Larkin St. Regular monthly meetings have been held during the summer and some very pleasant evenings have been spent by the members who took advantage of them. The secretary will be pleased to hear from all local collectors and to give any further information. The same officers were re-elected for the coming year:—President, H. J. Seiler; Vice-Pres., Chas. W. Arp; Sec.-Treas., Donald Piercy, No. 8 Forty-Eighth Ave., S. F., and Auction and Sales Manager, Edwin P. Seebohm.

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We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

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25 different British Colonials to applicants for approval selections who send 2c postage. C. E. NICKLES, 122 Florida Ave., Washington, D.C. [tf*]

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Have you anything to buy, sell or exchange? This column only 20c per line.

Illustrated album, 100 vars., 250 hinges 5c. WRIGHT, 208a Tyndale, Roslindale, Mass. [tf*]

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I want to buy some good U. S. Revs. or a General Collection for cash. S. L. SHOLLEY, L. H. Sta., Minneapolis, Minn. [tf*]

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Something for nothing with apps. Ref. req. I. Robinson, 814 M St., N. W., Wash., D.C. [91*]

Poster Stamp Fans. Send for sample new magazine published for you by BEEBE, Yonkers, N. Y. [91*]

China. I exchange with medium or advanced collectors, all countries. No trash wanted. Please send first. H. E. CHANDLER, Weihien, Shantung, China.

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1st 9 Cameroons CEF \$20. Stamp Shop, Chi.

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Approvals for the beginner at extra discounts; reference required. CHAS. T. EGNER, 716 No. Fountain St., Allentown, Pa. [tf*]

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I send block of 4, O. G., 1898, Proprietary, 1/4c, and list of Special Bargains, for 3c. A. R. BERGOM, 293 Hicks St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Free, three War Tax to appr. appl., 5c Incl. Rev. und. 10c; 1 & 2c Incl. Rev. und. 6c, usd. 4c. J. GROENEVELD, Kenora, Ont., Can.

100 diff. stamps to all applicants for approvals. W. T. PHILLIPS, Westbrook, Maine.

Open your eyes—110 different from Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland. All picked copies and sure to please. 30c postpaid. MIL-LARD CO., 325 W. Ferry, Detroit, Mich. *

Falkland Islands wanted at reasonable prices, pairs, strips and blocks used on or off covers except King George issues. EDWIN F. SAWYER, 36 School St., Boston, Mass. A. P. S., B. P. S., Junior P. S., London, etc. [92*]

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Allow 32 letters to the line. [tf]

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Wanted—2c, 1862, U. S. H. P. ATHERTON, Still River, Mass.*

Free! Iceland 3 var. mint to new applicants for approvals. Selections for new and medium collectors. A nice variety! A good ref. req. J. V. DOYLE, 35 Maltby Place, New Haven, Conn.

OUR COVER DESIGN CONTEST.

Several weeks ago we asked our subscribers to send in suggestions for a cover design for our January special, when we shall celebrate the 25th anniversary of the birth of the WEEKLY. The response was very gratifying. No fewer than 22 designs were received and we have had no little difficulty in selecting the prize winner.

After due consideration we have awarded first honors to

Wm. H. Hoagland, 48 No. 51 St., W. Phila., Pa.

The entry of

W. G. Birdseye, 101 W. 106 St., N. Y. City was, however, so near it in merit that we shall make a second award of \$5 to Mr. Birdseye and shall probably use his design on the February special.

We desire to give honorable mention to the entry of

L. M. Coe, 119 Church St., Bristol, Ct.

This entry ranked well in merit with the two prize winning entries but differed materially in that the sketch was in the rough. The entries of Messrs. Hoagland and Birdseye can be submitted to the engravers for a plate so soon as the required lettering has been added.

We give the names of the several contestants and are grateful to our friends for their cooperation. We might add that the designs submitted by Frank Aretz, Ernest W. Clarke, and Herman E. Heller are out of the ordinary. While we make special mention of these three entries we desire to add that we have made no attempt to list the following in any order of merit:—

Frank Aretz, Toronto, Can.
Frank Prescott, Los Angeles, Cal.
Willard Newton, Somerville, Mass.
G. B. Braun, Oakland, Cal.
Geo. Bos, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Frank Matthews, St. Louis, Mo.
E. W. Clarke, Pleasantville, N. Y.
A. H. Hall, Boston, Mass.
E. H. Robinson, Chicago, Ill.
H. L. Bock, Goshen, Cal.
Lloyd M. Coe, Bristol, Conn.
C. H. Loomis, McLean, Va.
Theo V. Zwehl, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mary C. Ruff, Butler, Pa.
Lionel Arnold, Hampton, Ia.
Paul R. Rockwood, Iowa City, Ia.
Herman E. Heller, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Marion Putnam, Oshkosh, Mich.
John Ashenhurst, Chicago, Ill.

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Bargain! See Ludington's ad. last week.

Hard-to-get Stamps. Guatemala 143 used 5c; 143a used, \$1.25; 74 used, \$1; Cpl. set 1912 1c-2p, perf. Off. (o.g.), \$2.25; Costa Rica 94 used, rare, \$3.50; Nicaragua 195 (o.g.), \$2; Victoria 291 (o.g.), 25c. Want lists solicited. F. CIAMPOLINI, 113 Washington Place, N. Y.

3c, 1851. Collectors Specializing in this stamp might find desirable specimens in my 3c '61 Books. Ref. Please. H. P. ATHERTON, Still River, Mass.

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Scott's 1916 Standard Catalog

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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boston, Mass.

International Precancel Club.

ROBERT WEBER, Sec., Galeton, Pa.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER. Sept. 11th, 1915.

Applications for Membership.

D. D. Berolzheimer, 43 Post St., Yonkers, N. Y.; age, 38; Chemist. Proposed by Albert E. Lawrence.

Edw. B. Goss, 132 E. Main St., Waterbury, Conn.; toolmaker. Proposed by W. W. Norton.

New Members.

No. 99. K. Baumann, 245 Broad St., Westfield, N. J.

No. 100. J. F. R. Boniface, 18 South St., Morristown, N. J.

Replaced on Membership Roll.

No. 83. C. W. Slack, Attica, N. Y.

Financial Report.

Receipts.

Amt. on hand as per last report, \$42.07

Receipts from Dues and Applicants, 1.50

Total, \$43.57

Expenses.

To postage, .50

To printing of report, 2.00

Total, \$2.50

Balance on hand, \$41.07

ROBT. WEBER, Sec.-Treas.

New York Stamp Society.

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Tuxedo Hall, Madison Ave. & 59th St., New York, N. Y.

Eugene Klein, President; C. Forster, Vice President; G. Denzau, 1864 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, New York, Secretary; Baldwin Schlesinger, Treasurer; Henry Meininger, Librarian; A. Schiesel, Bourse Manager; Trustees: J. M. Bartels, A. Beck, Adam J. Wagner.

The meeting of September 16th was a social gathering. The weather being warm, members did not care to do much trading or exchanging. Mr. Klein and Mr. Schlesinger, having both been out to the Pacific Coast, had much to tell us that was of interest—and so it was with the other members present.

Our next meeting on October 7th promises to be an interesting one and a good attendance of members and their friends is hoped for. Mr. Klein will submit a paper entitled "A Philatelic Pilgrimage."

Our monthly exhibit will be "The Rarest Stamp in Your Collection." The Judges will award to the winner a "Point Certificate" which counts towards winning the "New York Stamp Society Cup." This cup differs from the "President's Cup" in that the winner will retain permanent possession of it. Just who the gods will smile on is hard to say as the contest is still an open one.

I may add, too, that the "Winner Certificates" for those who have already won an exhibit, will be given out at this meeting.

Visitors are always welcome and correspondence as to what the Society is doing will be given prompt attention.

G. DENZAU, Secretary.

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FROM THE FAR EAST.

Australia.—J. F. Hambly of Melbourne writes that he has been informed that the supply of watermarked paper is getting very low and that possibly the 1d King George may be seen on unwatermarked paper. The same gentleman also says that the 2½d Kangaroo on the King George paper will be out soon.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands.—We received recently from our agent at Ocean Island some specimens of the 5sh King George stamps which he said were a new printing. On comparing them with some we had in stock, we found that there was a slight—very slight—difference. The paper of the new-comers is not such a bright yellow, the green is more yellowish than formerly, and it would seem to us that these stamps have been printed on the new colored throughout paper which is now being used for British Colonials.

New Zealand.—We have to thank E. C. Smyth of Wellington for a cable sent to us on Aug. 30, intimating that the new King Georges had been put on sale that day, and we received on the 3rd inst. a letter from A. T. Bate dated 29th, acquainting us that the new stamps would be put on sale the following day. Specimens of all the values have since come to hand.

Wmk N.Z. and Star, perf. 14 x 14½ comb. The colors are as follows:
½d yellow-green; 1½d grey; 2d bright violet; 2½d slate blue; 3d sepia; 4d orange-yellow; 4½d myrtle-green; 6d rose-carmine; 7½d red-brown; 9d olive-green; 1sh orange-red. — *Aust. Stamp Journal*.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE COWBOYS AND THE MOVIES.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

The Heavenly Twins rushed tumultuously up to the path which led to my tent-house, and beat upon the door in a most reprehensible manner. The summons brought me forward on the jump.

"Seen Frevor?" breathlessly inquired Jimmy O'.

To my negative, and further anxious inquiries, Jimmy O' and Eddy Fyne both grinned sheepishly, and then sprawled upon the ground while they clung to each other and laughed.

"What's the matter with you two coyotes, anyway?" I ask. But my perplexity only redoubled their unseemly mirth. However, it was only a short time, and Frevor Moore, swinging from his horse, idled up the path. Jimmy O' and Eddy at once fell silent. Moore looked them over coldly.

"Ha! The age of chivalry!" he said. "And so you two deserted the range an hour ahead of me in order to tell my friend and yours how it all happened. Go ahead, you!"

Moore sat beside me on the door-sill. Jimmy O' rolled a cigarette and disappeared in the cloud.

"You see, it was this way," began Eddy.

"Oh, heck! Eddy, let Frevor tell it," said Jimmy O'. "He c'n let us break through an' explain now an' then as he goes along."

"Very thoughtful and considerate, Jimmy O'," said Moore, with fine sarcasm. Then he began:

"Two weeks ago that movie outfit from Chicago asked permission to stage some ranch-life scenes 'up on Three-Bar-X. Course, I granted it; but they were cautioned not to worry the cattle." "Meanin' both kinds," interpolated Eddy, with a grin.

Jimmy chuckled.

"Well, they set up their apparatus, made some films of a routine sort, around the ranche-house, and then asked as the final favor permission to stage a typical old-time cowboy-Indian-torture scene. For this scenic performance they chose a wide, sweeping mesa, with hills surrounding it on three sides. Then they hired twenty or thirty Mojaves from McDowell Reservation, fitted them out in trappings, paint and feathers, and set up the machinery behind a rough pile of overhanging rocks, looking squarely across the scene of trouble." "Plum' hostile, that bunch," mourned Eddy, lugubriously.

"I was far out on the range when these preparations were under way," resumed Moore. "Eddy and Jimmy O' hadn't been in for a couple of weeks. I thought I would look them up on my way back and tell them what was doing. Well, I didn't meet up with them, and so rode on down the divide, making for the site of the picture camp. As I drew near, I heard war-whoops and shoutings and when I reached the crest of the hill, I reined in and looked down. There was as rare a picture as one could imagine. A bunch of painted and be-feathered Indians were dancing around, brandishing weapons and about to put a captive cowboy to the fire torture. If I hadn't known the truth I would have believed it real—the more so because some cheerful idiot of a tenderfoot had but recently been chased by Apaches near this same spot.

"Well, I sat and watched things progress for two or three minutes. Then suddenly, a hundred feet or so from me I heard some of the worst cursing any wild and careless cowboy was ever treated to."

"Me—I done it," said Jimmy O' with a sigh.

"Me—I helped," declared Eddy, sharing in the ignominy.

"Then, over the top of that hill swept my two cowpunchers. I yelled at them. But the rush and slide of rock drowned my voice. It was one of the roughest parts of the divide—nearly ninety degrees slope—but down it pell-mell they went, horses slipping and sliding, guns out for action, and Jimmy O' swinging

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his riata. The whooping Indians looked up, saw, and scattered like rabbits. The intended victim rose to his feet, looked, and he, too, made a run for it. Eddy didn't shoot—Heaven be praised! Jimmy O', riding straight at the running movie-cowboy, with a mighty swing lifted him in front on the saddle, and swept on, men and horses disappearing over the next crest.

"When I reached the movie outfit the manager was bewailing the loss of his leading man. But the elation of the operator was beyond description.

"Best picture I ever saw—great—great!" he declared. "Wonderful rescue! Wonderful! Great hit! Crowded houses! Oh, my countrymen, what a picture!"

"Ten minutes later, over the top of the hills came Jimmy O' and Eddy, leading their horses. Accompanying them was the movie's leading man, volubly explaining."

Moore looked at Eddy, who promptly rolled over on his back.

"Kiss me, Hardy!" quoted Jimmy O', from behind his cigarette.

Right then the notes of the old song, "Listen to the Mocking Bird," were borne in upon the soft wind.

Jimmy O' and Eddy rose, alert. As the whistler came nearer, the two incontinently fled.

Up the path came a man I had seen with Moore several weeks before—the hero of the movies.

"I was just telling my friend here of the rescue at Three-Bar-X," said Moore.

The movie man laid his hat upon the ground as he stretched out in the hammock. His face had lost its youthfulness, and I saw he was long past the years of boyhood.

"Yes," he said, "Yes. It was wonderful! We had everything staged for a rescue at the last. But when I looked up and saw those two real cow-punchers coming I felt the heroism of it. Jimmy O' jerked me from my feet and swung me upon his horse, knocking the wind out of me. Once over the crest of the hill the boys slowed down a little, and then I explained. The humor of it caught them. But I know and feel and shall always know and feel, the compelling heroism of it. They had deliberately courted death—so they thought

—to save me. And, for their sakes, I am sorry it wasn't a real rescue."

"Do not let that worry," said Moore. "They'll survive that shock."

There was more talk, mostly desultory, and then our visitor left us alone. Moore pulled at his pipe. Then, looking at me quizzically he laughed.

"It really appears that every one is in wrong today. I made Jimmy O' and Eddy think I took their rescue seriously."

"And I, Moore—even I!" Then I joined in the laugh.

"But those two limbs!"—Moore broke off abruptly. There was a noise of delaying feet.

"See the conquering heroes come!" drawled Moore.

Jimmy O' and Eddy stepped forth, hand in hand, bowed ceremoniously, and then groaned in unison.

"He used t' be a c'ollecter," declared Jimmy.

"Confed'rates," added Eddy.

"An' he wants t' hire us fer th' movies!" wailed Jimmy.

"Virtoo has its pangs," groaned Eddy.

"Yes," added Moore, sententiously, "likewise its vice."

It was at this point the light broke in upon the Twins.

BAR-LE-DUC.

Surrounded as it is by Dutch territory, Bar-le-Duc, a little undefended Belgian village in the north of the province of Antwerp, has a unique geographical position, for the Germans cannot reach it without violating the neutrality of Holland. It possesses its post a telegraph office, in direct communication with French and Dutch post offices, and people in Britain can easily correspond with Bar-le-Duc via Flushing and Tilbourg (Holland). For that reason Bar-le-Duc post office has become important, and good use is being made of that fact in obtaining help for the Red Cross society. Special postage stamps of the value of five, ten and twenty centimes, are being sold at ten, twenty and forty centimes, of which sums half is set aside for the Red Cross society. The post office of Belgian Monaco has obtained such celebrity that there is a great demand for these Red Cross stamps as souvenirs.—Newspaper.

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EGYPT—A HISTORY OF ITS STAMPS.

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VII. The 1892 and 1893 Stamps.

On January 1st, 1892, a 3 mil. stamp was issued in marone colour. After being in circulation for over a year and a half, the colour was changed to orange yellow. Just after this change was made the 2 piastre of the previous issue (which had never been changed) made its appearance in orange-brown so as to avoid confusion with the new 3 mil. stamp.

Several notices were issued regarding these two adhesives.

NEW ISSUE OF EGYPTIAN POSTAGE STAMPS.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st February next, a new issue of postage stamps of 3 millimes and 2 P. T. will be put into circulation; the former yellow in colour, and the latter brick coloured, and the present issue of these stamps will be withdrawn.

ALEXANDRIA, 7th January, 1893.

NOTICE.

The issue of the new Postage Stamps of 3 M. and 2 P. T. which has been announced for the 1st proximo, will be postponed until further notice.

General Post Office.

ALEXANDRIA, 24th January, 1893.

NEW ISSUE OF EGYPTIAN POSTAGE STAMPS.

NOTICE.

From the 1st of August next the post-offices will cease to sell the stamps of 3 millimes and of 2 piastres of the present issue. From this date, stamps of the same values will be issued, the millimes will be in yellow, and the 2 piastres in brick. —From *Official Journal*, July 10th, 1893.

VIII. The 1902 "Chalky" Issue.

There is nothing new to be said regarding this series, as they are the old stamps printed on chalk-surfaced paper. The 4 mils. is a new value and was added to the set in 1906. A certain amount of the shading has been removed from behind the head of the Sphinx, the result being an undoubted improvement.

The sheet consisted of 240 stamps, divided into four panes of 60 each, in six rows of 10. Round the entire sheet is a line of colour in the same shade as the stamp. This line was just outside the perforations, but the top and bottom perforation of each vertical row between the stamps fell exactly on the coloured line. Occasionally, this line is missing on a sheet.

Between the panes there were also two lines in colour, one below the upper and one above the lower pane. On each of these lines a perforation row fell exactly. The right and left-hand margins of the sheet bore the plate number next to the first and last stamps in rows 2 and 11.

During the circulation of this issue, books of stamps were introduced. The following extract is from the *Egyptian Gazette* (end of 1902):—

"USEFUL POSTAL INNOVATION.—The Egyptian post-office intends to introduce, on the first of January, a convenient system of selling stamps in little books. Stamps may after that date be purchased in collections of twenty-four at a time. The stamps will not adhere to one another, as wax paper will be interleaved, thus effectually preventing this. The extra cost of buying stamps in this manner will only be one millieme the packet, and it should prove a popular innovation, as it affords special facilities for carrying postage stamps in the pocket."

IX. The 1914 Pictorial Issue.

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The stamps are printed on paper watermarked Star and Crescent and perforated 14.

Egypt was proclaimed a British Protectorate on December 17, 1914, and the Khedive Abbas II was deposed in favour of Sultan Hussein.

At the time, there was much talk about new or provisional stamps as an outcome of this historic event, but all such prophecies have failed to materialise. The issue in question, it should be noted, possesses one change of importance, the facial value is in English instead of French as before.

THE POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

I. Issue of 1884.

On Feb. 1, 1884, the first issue of postage due stamps made its appearance, having been announced late in the previous month.

The public is informed that on and after the 1st January, 1884, correspondence taxed as unpaid or insufficiently paid will bear special stamps, *chiffres-taxe*, shewing the exact amount the addressees have to pay.

Consequently, no charge for correspondence unpaid or insufficiently paid is to be paid, unless the article distributed bears *chiffres-taxe*, representing the value of the amount to be paid.

The design, as will be seen from the illustration, is plain, but nevertheless, eminently suited for its usage. The design was the work of L. Barkhausen. The stamps were lithographed by M. V. Penasson, who printed the regular issues of 1867 and 1872.



Medium white wove paper impressed with a star and a crescent was employed, the gum generally having a yellowish appearance. The perforation was large, gauging 10 1/2.

The sheets were made up of 100 stamps (10 x 10) and bore a marginal inscription in large type red letters.

The total printing consisted of 150,000 copies, of which 70,000 were 2 piastre stamps.

The 10 paras is known imperforate, and the 2 piastres imperf. vertically.

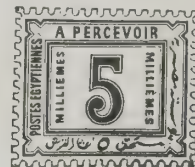
II. Issue of 1886.

On August 1, 1886, the same stamps appeared printed in rose-red upon unwatermarked paper.

In other respects there was no change, Penasson again being the printer. The gum is whiter than before.

III. The 1888 Series.

As was only to be imagined, the sameness in the colouring for all values led to mistakes on the part of the postal authorities, and to remedy this defect, it was decided to print each value in a different colour. The old design was practically adhered to, but in place of the 5 and 10 paras denominations, 2 and 5 milliemes were substituted.



Penasson was responsible for the printing. A new perforation was adopted, gauging 11 1/2. The sheet contains 100 stamps as before.

There are two varieties of the 5 piastre value:

- (i) With stop after PIASTRES.
- (ii) Without stop.

This value is a decidedly scarce stamp, but collectors are to be warned against some very dangerous forgeries, both used and unused.

With regard to varieties, both the 2 mils. and 2 piastre values exist with double and even treble impressions.

IV. The De La Rue Issue.

In 1889, a series of four values in new design made its appearance, printed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., of London.

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The watermark remained the same. The 2 mils. is fairly common bisected and used as half its original value. This stamp further is often seen in a pale dull blue colour; this is a changeling of no value.

These stamps have since appeared on chalk-surfaced paper.

V. The Issue of 1898.

The bisection of the 2 mils. adhesive of the last issue was required to make up the rate of 3 mils.—a value that was urgently wanted.

In order to avoid using half stamps, a supply of the 2 piastres orange was hurriedly overprinted diagonally "3 MILLIEMES" with the equivalent in Arabic in two lines below.

Referring to this stamp, *The Weekly Bulletin* stated:—

"In accordance with the regulations now in force the postage on letters from and to non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the Egyptian Army, in garrison on the frontier, as well as at Suakin and Tokar, is fixed at 3 milliemes for prepaid and 6 milliemes for unpaid letters.

This tariff is applicable also to letters of soldiers taking part in the Expedition to the Sudan, and, in consideration of the fact that such soldiers will most frequently be in places where they are unable to obtain postage stamps, it has been decided that unpaid letters sent by them shall only be liable to the single rate of 3 mil, instead of 6 mil. Consequently, all unpaid letters duly counter-signed by the officer commanding the Corps to which the sender belongs, and coming from a part of the Sudan where no post office exists, will only be charged on delivery with 3 milliemes. For the purpose of indicating this rate the department proposes to convert the 2 piastres unpaid letter stamps into 3 milliemes by means of a surcharge, but until these stamps are ready the 3 mil. rate may be represented by an unpaid letter stamp of 2 mil, together with the half of a similar stamp divided diagonally."

The overprint was applied in black and exists inverted.



A well known minor variety consists of the Arabic figure "2" in place of the figure "3." The correct figure is printed immediately above it.

(To be continued.)

—We are indebted for clippings received from Benj. Cadbury, M. Casper, F. W. Hodges, John C. Morgan, Edw. W. Steele and Dr. L. A. Micheloni.

AS SEEN IN THE MIDDLE WEST.

By C. STAUB (United Stamp Co.).

We have been watching the business here in the middle West quite closely and our opinion as to the possibilities of the coming season is very optimistic.

There is no question in our minds but what this country has adjusted itself from the depressing conditions at the beginning of the war. It is only natural that the luxury will naturally suffer at first when any depressions come about but I believe that after a year of readjustments all business has not only adjusted itself to the conditions abroad but at the same time has built up greater confidence and stability of the American business, so that we are safe in saying in our estimation, it will not be long ere the stamp trade will enjoy the most prosperous era for many years past. We have noticed an exceedingly great demand for stamps that ordinarily were unappreciated and we believe this was solely because of the decrease of importations from abroad.

Our stock of United States stamps is being hit the hardest. Of course, we attribute this largely to our new United States Loose Leaf Album which is issued supplementary each month with the *Herald*. As new sections appear, our readers call upon us to supply the stamps they need to fill in vacant spaces. This Album is not an experiment but based on the fundamentals of Philately, practical, handy in size as well as exceedingly educational. We can frankly state that the Album is a long felt want and judging from the daily orders from new and unknown collectors, the project is being well advertised by the users who are pleased with the idea.

The market is really fairly well cleaned up of good properties and therefore, we notice that prices are very firm on good United States.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Eugene Klein very kindly favors us with three group pictures taken at the A. P. S. convention. We would gladly use them in the WEEKLY were it not for the fact that the post card size would produce rather unsatisfactory half-tones.

—The Fordham Stamp Co. would like the present address of A. B. Winograd, formerly at 286 Beaubien St., Detroit, Michigan.

—The San Diego (Cal.) Stamp Club was recently honored with the presence of three of America's foremost philatelists, Eugene Klein, W. Parker Lyon, and A. W. Batchelder.

—The A. S. D. A. has instituted an investigation of J. F. Flynn, of the International Hosiery Co., of Dayton, O., and same is now in the Chief Inspector's hands at Washington. Persons having complaints against Flynn are requested to file same with the Chief Inspector, P. O. D., Washington, D. C., referring to "Case No. 47946—E."

—"Are the Canadian Victorian Jubilees demonized?"—This question is asked us. What do our Ottawa subscribers say?

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EDITORIAL.

Open For All—Concurrently with the appearance of our season opening number, the wheels of business started to grind away right merrily; and though they will wheeze and squeak a bit before they get to running full tilt, yet, their hum will soon be loud enough to be heard through all the land. Let us all begin the season right by being right in all our stamp dealings.

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Faithful—The following letter from Mr. Henry W. Wolseley, Chicago, warmed the cockles of the editorial heart; and none will be churlish enough to say that we are not justified in publishing it: "In renewing my subscription for the WEEKLY today, September 21st, 1915, I was curious how long I had been subscribing for the paper. I find from my books that exactly twenty years ago, on September 21st, 1895, I sent one dollar for my first year's subscription to the paper. I have successively renewed my subscription for the past twenty years and I take pleasure in renewing it for the twenty-first year. During that time I have subscribed for numerous other

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What of the Revenues?—As we understand it, the present revenue law requiring the use of stamps, expires automatically with the end of this year. There seems to be a general belief that it will be necessary for the government for some time to come to avail itself of the income from special taxes and consequently that revenue stamps will continue to be used. In fact, the manufacturers of proprietary medicines are anticipating that their products will fall under the ban of taxation in the preparation of another bill by congress and they are organizing to take steps to defeat any purpose to include medicines under the category of articles for taxation.

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Canadian Details—From Mr. Frederick T. Norris, Bay City, Michigan, we have a preachment on Canadian hair-lines and paste-up strips that is worth attention: "I note your reference to the hair-lines in the King George issue of Canada, 1912. I have taken but little interest in the hair-lines to be found upon the one cent green King George, as they seem to be very numerous. In my collection, I find them first upon plates, 1 and 2; later, when plate 57 came out, I found that the sheet was covered with lines and I placed it entire in my Oriol album. The two cent red, hair-lines were somewhat difficult to secure but at last I got singles, block of four and the entire sheet, plate 4, with the lines. I notice that you do not call attention to the hair-lines on the five cent blue, which come only on plate 3, I think; the lines do not cover the entire sheet but on the contrary are found only on stamps 90, 91 and 92 in the sheet. A twenty cent with lines is found in plate 1. When in Quebec about three years ago, I saw the King Edward one and two cent on sale in the vending machine in the general office. As this was unusual, I made inquiry and found that the office, having a surplus of the stamps in question, tore them in perpendicular strips, pasted them into continuous strips and placed the coils in the vending machine for sale. The machine was opened and I purchased a yard or so of each. They are now in my collection in strips of ten, showing paste line, and I may add, in those of some of my friends who are my fellow-members in the Detroit Philatelic Society."

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Free in This Country—A cover is described by Mrs. W. E. Underwood that has been a family possession for well over a century. The letter-sheet bears the date of "City of Washington, 21 Oct., 1808." The Washington postmark is in the upper left corner while "Free" in red is at right. At the right end of the cover, the inscription may be read: "Free to New York & British Packet. Joseph Nourse, Rs." We assume that "Rs." refers to Representative or some other officer in whom the franking privilege was vested but the frank was not considered as exempting the payment of ocean postage. The marking of 2sh on the cover indicated the ocean postage rate, no doubt. The cover shows how the frank worked in conjunction with ocean postage which was not subject to the wish of Washington.

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By Post—Recent mails disclose a few wrinkles. The ten centavos map stamp of the current set of Cuba has appeared in a rather slightly changed color following the example of the two centavos. Olive gray about hits off the new color. A letter from the Canary Islands, via Madrid addressed to this country bears the censor stamp: "Ouvert par L'Autosite Militaire," and is resealed by the "Postes et Telegraphes" label. A pre-canceled current twelve cent is used on registered mail from Southridge, Mass.

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**Reference List.**

1900. Current stamps of Germany surcharged in black or red.
 11. 10 para on 5pf green, Scott's No. 513.
 12. 20 para on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 514.
 13. 1 pia on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 515.
 14. 1½ pia on 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 516.
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 21. 15 pia on 3 marks violet-black, Scott's No. 524.
 22. 25 pia on 5 marks black and lake, Scott's No. 523 or 523b.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

In March, 1903, the 1 and 5 pia values of the preceding set appeared with some slight modifications in the type of the surcharge. The most prominent feature of the new type is the "A" of "PIASTER" which has a conspicuous horizontal serif across its top. The 25 pia with similar overprint appeared about a month later while the 10 and 20 para values were not issued until November, 1904. The only other denomination to be issued with this type of surcharge was the 10 pia which was not placed on sale until June, 1905.

Reference List.

- 1903-05. Horizontal serif on top of "A".
 23. 10 para on 5pf green, Scott's No. 525.
 24. 20 para on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 526.
 25. 1 pia on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 527.
 26. 5 pia on 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 528.
 27. 10 pia on 2 marks blue, Scott's No. 529.
 28. 25 pia on 5 marks black and lake, Scott's No. 530.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

Although the new "DEUTSCHES REICH" stamps were issued for the German Empire in April, 1902, it was not until October 1st, 1905, that any of them were issued with the Turkish overprints. The same values were surcharged as before but, following the system also applied to the Chinese and Moroccan offices, fancy Gothic or German lettering was used in place of the Latin characters which had sufficed to that date. On all values up to and including the 4 piastres the words were placed below the numerals thus reversing the plan of the previous set. The overprint on the 3 mark value was in red as before.

1 PIASTER 1

5 PIASTER 5

Reference List.

1905. German stamps of 1902 surcharged in black or red.
 29. 10 para on 5pf green, Scott's No. 531.
 30. 20 para on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 532.
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37. 5 pias on 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 539.
38. 10 pias on 2 marks blue, Scott's No. 540.
39. 15 pias on 3 marks violet black, Scott's No. 542.
40. 25 pias on 5 marks black and lake, Scott's No. 541.

THE SIXTH ISSUE.

In January, 1906, the 2 and 25 pias values appeared on the paper with Lozenge watermark which had recently been introduced in Germany. In February of the same year the 1 1/2 pias appeared on similar paper to be followed by the 4 pias in March, the 10 para in April, the 2 1/2 and 10 pias in June, and the 1 pias in September. No more were on sale until February, 1907, when the 1 1/4 and 5 pias appeared and a month later the 20 para was issued. The 3 mark did not appear on this paper until late in 1913.

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Reference List.

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41. 10 para on 5pf green, Scott's No. 543.
42. 20 para on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 544.
43. 1 pias on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 545.
44. 1 1/4 pias on 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 546.
45. 1 1/2 pias on 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 547.
46. 2 pias on 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 548.
47. 2 1/2 pias on 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 549.
48. 4 pias on 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 550.
49. 5 pias on 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 551.
50. 10 pias on 2 marks blue, Scott's No. 552.
51. 15 pias on 3 marks violet-black, Scott's No. 554.
52. 25 pias on 5 marks black and lake, Scott's No. 553.

THE SEVENTH ISSUE.

In August, 1908, a regular surprise set appeared in the shape of five denominations surcharged with new values in "centimes" instead of the usual paras and piastres. Although many ingenious theories were adduced at the time of their issue to account for their special use these are so conflicting that we are still in the dark as to the actual raison d'être of the set. The surcharges are all in fancy Gothic type and are placed on the stamps diagonally, reading upwards from left to right.

Reference List.

1908. Overprinted in black.
53. 5c on 5pf green, Scott's No. 555.
54. 10c on 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 556.
55. 25c on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 557.
56. 50c on 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 558.
57. 100c on 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 559.

Other Foreign German Post Offices.

In addition to the offices established at various towns in China, Morocco, and the Turkish Empire, Germany also maintained offices in Lamu, Zanzibar and Tonga for a short period, though this fact does not seem to be generally known.

Writing in the *London Philatelist* Mr. Reichenheim tells us that an office was opened in Lamu on November 22nd, 1888, and closed on March 31st, 1891. Lamu is a small island off the coast of and now included in British East Africa. The office here was probably conducted in connection with the German Consulate the stamps used being the ordinary German stamps of the 1880 and 1889 issues. Whether any special cancellation was used or not I have been unable to find out.

The office at Zanzibar was in existence for only a very short period: from August 27th, 1890, until July 31st, 1891. Here also the ordinary German stamps of the 1880 and 1889 issues were used.

An office was established at Tongatabu, the largest of the Tonga Islands, in September, 1886, and it was closed in April, 1893. Mr. Reichenheim tells us "This post office was in connection with the agency of the North German Lloyd, of Bremen, managed by their agent and officially named 'Postdampfschiffagentur (Royal Mail Steamship Agency)'. But as the Tongan Government introduced the Post Monopoly for letters shortly before the German post office was established, the latter was only used for parcel post purposes, and it is therefore very probable that only the 10pf, 20pf, 50pf and 2 mark stamps (unsurcharged) of the issues of the time were in use there."

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fellow members:—There is very little to report at this time, but I am in hopes that by the time my next report goes in that I may have at least one application

Advertising Chat—No. 6.

What did you think of last week's paper, anyway? I think you will agree with me that you got your money's worth; twelve pages filled with stamp matter of various kinds was certainly a feast of good things.

We have other issues of the WEEKLY in course of preparation and we propose to give you so much for your 50c that you won't need to look at any other stamp paper. Our reading matter this season will surpass any previous year for real merit.

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Dr. Micheloni branches out into displayed advt. this week and will be with us frequently during the coming season. The Doctor has just returned from Uruguay his native heath and his announcements will no doubt reflect his stay there. He sends us a Montevideo newspaper and the only thing in it we can read is his picture.

A block of 50 lines adlet space has been taken by J. D. Hupe of Detroit who returns to our columns after a vacation season of a few months.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

to list. I am sure that there are many desirable candidates to be had if we will only go after them. I am unable to do it all, and hope that everyone will take hold and help me increase the roll of members. If anyone has any good suggestion to make, just write me and I will take the matter up at once with the Board of Governors.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

Sept. 21, 1915.

The 342nd regular meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., was called to order by Pres. Carpenter at 8.17 P. M. After the regular business of the evening, the collection of the stamps of Cuba belonging to Mr. Chas. E. Hatfield was shown. Mr. Hatfield was unable to be present and Mr. Carpenter had the collection in charge. The collection is very nearly complete and is especially strong in the Puerto Principe issue. The names of Edwin H. Finegan, George A. Gonbault and Gordon H. Crouch were posted. The meeting adjourned at 9.30 P. M. The attendance for the evening was 24.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

Don't forget the informal meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

A YEAR'S WAR ISSUES.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The first year of the world war has brought 327 new stamps into circulation, issued as a consequence, direct or indirect, of the present struggle. The influence of the war conditions on the postage stamps of the world is very far-reaching; I explained the other week how the colours of the United States stamps could not be exactly maintained owing to the impossibility of getting the right dyes, which came from Germany. Persia has suffered a stamp famine, and has had to resort to the issue of sixteen provisional stamps. Even far Siam, whose stamps were latterly printed in Germany, is now turning out the remnants of the obsolete 1906 issue and surcharging them with the modern "satang" currency, as the German-printed issue is running out. Turkey, on the other hand, is running out of its London-printed stamps, and has issued two provisionals, and may have to issue more before the Turks can issue a new series made at home or in Germany. Switzerland has issued three provisionals, because she has had to raise her postal tariff to help pay for the defense of her frontiers, and the three stamps of new denominations were required urgently. Apart from occupation stamps or military service stamps, the British Empire has only produced four provisionals as a consequence of the war, and these were scarcely necessary. St. Vincent ran short of penny stamps in January last, and the shilling green stamp was surcharged "one penny" to supply the deficiency. The use of two halfpenny stamps, instead of creating a provisional penny denomination, seems to have been overlooked. Three denominations of British Honduras stamps were specially overprinted with a burelé design in case the consignments should be captured by the enemy on the high seas; they reached their destination safely.

TURKEY'S JUBILATION.

Turkey alone among the combatants has issued commemorative stamps, seven of them to mark the national rejoicings over the abrogation of the capitulations in October. The Sublime Porte may not be in so great a hurry to jubilate over the subsequent events of the war.

The armies in the field have had stamps for their use, thirty-three in all. Ten of these are in use with the Indian Expeditionary Forces, two varieties of the 3 sen military stamp have been issued by Japan for her army and navy, and the Bosnian military stamps (twenty-one of them) have been overprinted for the Austro-Hungarian forces in Poland.

MILITARY OCCUPATION STAMPS.

Occupation stamps, which are mostly of a provisional character, form the largest proportion of the total of 327 war stamps of the past twelve months. Out of 159 occupation stamps, only fifteen originate from enemy sources. Britain and her Allies are responsible for the other 144, issued chiefly in connection with the occupation of former German colonies in the Pacific and in Togoland. The enemy occupation stamps are nine for the German administration of Belgium, five for the German administration of occupied parts of Russian Poland, and a local stamp of rather doubtful origin issued during the German occupation of the French lace town of Valenciennes.

WAR CHARITY ISSUES.

The charity postal stamps of the war are almost equally divided between friends and foes. It is worth noting that neither Great Britain nor Germany has issued a war charity postage stamp. Of the ninety-nine stamps in this class, the Allies have produced forty-eight, the enemy forty-four, and neutrals seven. France, her colonies and dependencies, have issued thirty-two stamps, which, in addition to serving as postage stamps, represent a contribution of a "sou" per stamp to the French Red Cross organization. Belgium has issued nine (eleven counting the scarce perforation varieties), and Russia five. Of the enemy issues in this class the total of forty-four

is divided as follows: Hungary thirty-four, Austria seven, Bosnia two, Turkey one. The solitary Turkish stamp was for the benefit of the Sultan's navy. The neutral issues are those of Dutch Indies (three) and Roumania (four), the latter being in the nature of a surtax on letters, etc., obligatory on letters originating in Roumania, the extra sum going to the "Soldiers' Families Aid Society," for the assistance of the dependents of soldiers called to the service of their country. Canada's war tax stamps are not in the same class, as they are purely for the purposes of a tax to help to meet the costs of the war.

MORE WAR STAMPS TO COME.

The total of 327 war stamps in twelve months of fighting seems large, but this is a minimum figure, to which later information may yet add. It may be that recent provisional stamps of the Dominican Republic may be due to the war, as the country adjoining the much-disturbed Haytian Republic, has its stamps printed in Germany. A letter to hand this week is prepaid with a variety of new provisionals, and later information will probably show that these ought to be added to my total of war issues for the year ending August 4, 1915.

This prolific output of new stamps may be exceeded during the second year of the war. Printers who have eked out their stocks of colour bases for one year after the closing of Germany's oversea trade may not be able to eke out the supplies for much longer. Turkey, Siam, the Dominican Republic, Liberia and possibly other States, will require entirely new stamps. Bulgaria is planning a charity tax issue on the same lines as the "Timbru de ajutor" series of Roumania, and other neutrals are likely to issue stamps for tax or philanthropic purposes before another year is out. There are still many French Colonial Red Cross stamps expected and Russia is planning some changes in her Patriotic Fund stamps. The experience of the first and second Balkan Wars also holds out a promise of an excessive output of new stamps in the likely event of the entry of the presently neutral Balkan States into the conflict.—*London Telegraph*.

CHALMERS AND THE POSTAGE STAMP.

The postage stamp, the little gummed stamp issued by the Governments for the carrying of the mail, was the means of popularizing the sending of articles beyond anything else in the way of contribution, and an Englishman, James Chalmers, is responsible for having first conceived the idea.

Chalmers was born at Arbroath in 1782, and at an early age became a bookseller in Dundee, and later was a printer and publisher of the Dundee Chronicle. In the year 1825, he applied himself to the acceleration of the mails, and mainly through his efforts the time for a letter to travel between London and Dundee was lessened by a day each way.

Then Chalmers turned his attention to reforms in the postoffice system. He first suggested a minimum rate of postage. He first drew out a sample of an adhesive stamp, had it set up in type, and then printed a few gummed copies. These he exhibited to several merchants in Dundee in August, 1834.

These merchants thought so well of the scheme, that Chalmers laid his plan before Robert Wallace, a member of Parliament who was interested in post-office reform, and also took up the subject with Rowland Hill, one of the leading pioneers of the movement.

England was quick to adopt the adhesive stamp, according to a decree of December 21, 1839, and issued the first stamp for public use on May 6, 1840. A year later, they were introduced into the United States and Switzerland, and soon afterwards in Bavaria, Belgium and France.

Chalmers' idea was so much appreciated at home, that on January 1, 1846, at a public meeting of the citizens of Dundee, he was presented with a silver claret mug, a salver and a purse of 50 sovereigns for his efforts in reducing the time for the requirement of the transit

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There was considerable controversy in England after the death of Sir Rowland Hill as to whether he or Chalmers was entitled to the credit of being the father of the postage stamp. Sir Rowland died in 1879, and when it was claimed that to him belonged the honor, Patrick Chalmers, a son of James Chalmers, inserted advertisements and letters in newspapers and published several pamphlets in which he stated that his father anticipated Rowland Hill in suggesting the use of adhesive stamps, but had been fraudulently deprived of the credit of the invention.

Mr. Pearson Hill replied and showed that his father, Sir Rowland, had contemplated the possible use of the adhesive stamp before Chalmers' plan was made known. Chalmers was undoubtedly the first inventor, but it does not appear how the plan was suggested to Rowland Hill.

Mr. Patrick Chalmers has published several pamphlets endeavoring to prove the importance of his father's suggestion, especially "The Adhesive Stamp," which appeared in 1885.

Undoubtedly, Sir Rowland Hill did not attach as much importance to the adhesive label as to prepare envelopes representing Britannia sending letters to all parts of the world, which were first placed on sale on May 6, 1840. The envelopes were received with ridicule throughout the United Kingdom and were soon dropped out of use, the adhesive label taking their place.

The United States Government was rather tardy in accepting the adhesive stamp system, and until 1847, when the first stamp for general use was issued, the postal service depended either upon the old cumbersome system of the individual enterprise of the postmasters in various towns, who, on their individual responsibility, had postage stamps printed and sold at their respective offices.

Among established governments, Brazil was the first to follow the example of Great Britain with an issue of stamps for general use in 1843. Postage stamps were not issued by the Government of France until 1849, and it was in the same year that the German Government issued its first stamps. The postage stamps of different countries vary greatly and stamp collecting is one of the most popular of fads.—*Pittsburg Dispatch*.

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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Foreword.

The earliest instance we have of German colonisation dates back to January, 1683, when the Elector, Frederic William of Brandenburg, the so-called "Great Elector," bought from native chiefs a small territory on the Coast of Guinea, hoisted the Brandenburg flag, and built the Fort Friedrichsburg, of which small ruins are still in existence. This possession, however, was sold in 1718 by the grandson of the Great Elector, Frederic William I, second King of Prussia, to the Dutch government for 7,200 ducats (\$9,400) and twelve slaves, as he was unable to hold it against Holland without a strong fleet.

But it was two hundred years later before colonial expansion began to be a serious affair with Germany. For several years after the establishment of the Empire, Bismarck and others worked hard at its internal consolidation—witness, among other things, the codification of all the conflicting laws of Germany, a gigantic work lasting nearly thirty years. No sooner had the imposing edifice of the Reich been fairly riveted within and without, than the national energy began to seek an outlet in the creation of a Germany beyond the seas. For years Bismarck had been indifferent, and indeed, positively averse, to colonial adventure; but at last he could no longer resist a popular impulse which was rapidly growing in strength. The result was, that within a year or two of this new departure, in 1884, Germany found herself included in the ranks of the colonial powers, with territories in Africa, New Guinea and the Pacific Archipelago, aggregating an area five times the size of her empire in Europe, though nine-tenths of this area is in Africa.

Germany may thus be said to have become an overseas power without becoming a colonial one in the British sense. It has been wittily and truly said, that France has colonies and no colonists; Germany, colonists and no colonies; while Britain had both colonies and colonists. It was too late in the day, as indicated by the world's clock, when Germany entered the colonial field, for by this time all the available waste spaces of the earth had already been appropriated by other powers. What she wanted

was to found a new Germany, a new Fatherland across the sea for the accommodation of those vast numbers of her surplus sons who had hitherto migrated to America and other Anglo-Saxon lands; but it soon became apparent that none of the African territories which had now fallen to her were at all suitable for this purpose.

They were all sub-tropical, and fitted only to be plantation, not agricultural, colonies. Very small was the total number of Germans who went to seek their fortunes in the German colonies, and even of these, a large proportion were government officials employed to administer the protectorates without having first learned the very necessary art of ruling native races. The brusque manners of Prussian policemen and the brutal methods of some German drill sergeants were unsuited to the black tribes of the Kamerun and Damaraland. Rebellion was frequent, and even the German army, boasted at that time as being the best in Europe, was for several years powerless to put down a native rising in South West Africa involving the loss of thousands of German lives and millions of money.

For some years after the establishment of the various colonies, ordinary German stamps without surcharge were used. Then followed German stamps overprinted with the names of the respective colonies, to be followed in turn by a set of the stereotyped "ship" design inscribed with the name of the colony issuing them. The stamps are all so much alike that they are rather lacking in interest, the constant repetition of the same designs being very monotonous.

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Reference List.

1900. No wmk. Perf. 14.
 7. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 7.
 8. 5pf green, Scott's No. 8.
 9. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 9.
 10. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 10.
 11. 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 11.
 12. 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 12.
 13. 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 13.
 14. 50pf black and violet on buff, Scott's No. 14.
 15. 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 15.
 16. 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 16.
 17. 2 marks blue, Scott's No. 17.
 18. 3 marks violet-black, Scott's No. 18.
 19. 5 marks black and carmine, Scott's No. 19.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

In January, 1906, the 5pf value was issued on the paper watermarked lozenges like that used for the Imperial stamps in 1905. The 10pf value on the same paper was issued in the following year and the 5 marks in 1913, but since then no others have appeared. It would appear, therefore, that either very large stocks of the issue of 1900 were supplied or that the demand for stamps in the Cameroons is strictly limited.

Reference List.

- 1906-7. Watermarked Lozenges. Perf. 14.
 20. 5pf green, Scott's No. 21.
 21. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 22.
 22. 5m black and carmine, Scott's No. 32.
 (To be continued.)

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—W. H. Suydam, Highwood, N. J., would like to learn the whereabouts of Joseph Candido, formerly 116 Madison

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—About a thousand copies of the WEEKLY were struck off last week with an error in the Riedell advertisement. This will be sufficiently explanatory to any who run against the snag.

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—We thank H. T. Knapp, Geo. Clothier, Jr., H. W. Boers and C. V. Webb, Jr., for clippings sent. Also H. W. Boers for a large number of back numbers recently received from him.

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EDITORIAL.

A Blow—It is with sincere regret that we have to record that financial disaster has overtaken America's most noted philatelist, Mr. George H. Worthington of Cleveland, Ohio, whose name for many years has stood for the superlative in a philatelic sense. While naturally the Cleveland newspapers gave much space to the news of the financial difficulty that Mr. Worthington was forced to cope with, the papers of other cities contained telegraphic despatches telling briefly of the assignment. Consequently, some of our readers already are aware that Mr. Worthington has made a complete assignment of property for the benefit of creditors; and in this connection we quote a Cleveland newspaper: "In less than one hundred and twenty words, the deed of assignment filed in insolvency court removes from Mr. Worthington's control, millions of dollars' worth of property which goes into trust for the benefit of creditors." The disposition of Mr. Worthington's stamps is accounted for in these words: "Included in the personal property is the famous Worthington collection, known to philatelists the world over as one of

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For the Future—We have been informed by our "correspondent on the spot" that anything that is said about the fate of the stamps just now is mere conjecture but we seize upon his statement that under the trusteeship no inconsiderable sum may be saved for Mr. Worthington. If it happens so, all of Mr. Worthington's friends will rejoice for if anyone deserves the good-will of his fellows, it is George H. Worthington whose allegiance to philately has been loyal, indeed.

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More of Them—The publicity given the Baja California (or lower California) Mexican provisionals, coach type, two weeks ago, has resulted in some revelations that we shall proceed to set forth. Mr. A. Roterberg has shown us copies of the 1, 2, 5 and 10 centavos with the "Baja Cal." inscription including both used and unused copies, several of the former being on the original envelopes, and even strips numbering many copies. These stamps have been in Mr. Roterberg's possession for some months but as he was uncertain about their antecedents, he had not called attention to the specimens. In the same category, he assigned the four centavos, federal type, with the "Gobierno Constitucionalista" surcharge in the small type that we illustrated two weeks ago on the five centavos. It would seem from surface indications and the evidence adduced by Mr. Barr that these provisionals have a standing that compares favorably with that of some of the other Sonoras.

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Memento—We have come into possession of a highly interesting example of the work of Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson, whose claim to philatelic fame is based on their production of the 1847 issue; and as Rawdon, Wright and Hatch, the firm engraved the plate from which the New York five cent black was

printed. The souvenir under notice is an ornate and elaborate example of the workmanship of the engravers in the shape of what at first glance resembles the face of a piece of currency. The impression is on a bond paper that is tinged with pink and the printed design is so embracing that it does not loan itself easily to description. It includes the noble red man and his consort, the American eagle and shield, the figure of liberty with picture of Washington in one hand and a laurel wreath in the other which she is about to place on eagle's head. A field containing the figure "5" at each of the upper corners is crossed with "Five" in green outline letters and surrounded by a double-line circle, containing "five" repeated ten times. The lettering otherwise, reads: "No. 148 Main St., Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, Bank Note Engravers and Printers, South East Corner of 4th & Main Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 4th, 1851. Geo. I. Jones, Agent." In colorless letters, prominence is given to the legend: "American Bank Note Company. Patent Green Tint." An engraved tint-block covers the surface of the paper in a delicate green. The date on this old sample is just after the four year term with the government for stamp making expired. The production truly is a beautiful illustration of the excellence of steel engraving in its several aspects.

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Duty stamp issued in July, 1914 and now illustrated for the first time. There are three values, 1c green, 2c red and 5c brown. Mrs. Oughtred thus explains their use:—"They represent customs duties on advertising matter sent by post to Canada and prepaid by advertiser in U. S. and Great Britain.

"THEN PITY, THEN EMBRACE."

She had made up her mind when she married him that, as it was a wife's duty to be interested in everything his lordship cared for, she would do her part. In fact, to please him, she had labored over bridge, and later, auction bridge, and for one possessed of little card sense, this at first was a great trial—he never knew how great. However, if she had known that "the stamp bug," an elf even more cunning and constant than Cupid, was lurking in his brain, I doubt if she would have made the final plunge in the sea of matrimony.

It happened after they had been married several years; he became enthused when looking over the collection of a small boy. He remembered his own boyhood collection, and a few nights later, the usual card game was not suggested; friend husband was deep in his stamp collection. To his wife's great surprise, the very next night, out came the collection again. Also, the centerpiece was removed from the dining room table, lights arranged for an evening's work, and husband was once more in bliss. Stamps were removed from the books, put in water to soak, while remarks such as "perfectly centered," "corner perforation missing," "perfection copy," "stitch watermarks," and the like issued from friend husband. Of course, she could not understand these terms, never having glanced at a stamp except in posting a letter. He tried to explain and arouse her interest, but it sounded like so much Greek to her, and at first, her interest was very much feigned, I fear; the stamps looked like so many bits of colored paper to her, and as for value, she couldn't believe the seeming fairy tales he told her of cash values.

From this time on, her dining room began to resemble, more and more, a junk heap—boxes were piled to the ceiling and her grandmother's pewter teapots were pushed behind them. He confiscated anything he happened to want for the use of the beloved stamps, her pet boxes, her books. More and more, talk of and about stamps became his general conversation and finally, he began to spend real cash on them. She had her doubts about this—in fact, many of her friends hinted divorce, and some thought him crazy—but thru it all, she thought: "I must become interested, and until I do, he must not know my interest is not real." And it seemed the hardest lesson she had yet tried.

One night, he set her to looking for stitch watermarks. She looked all evening, found none and went to bed feeling rather bored and wondering how long this stamp infatuation would last, at the same time grateful that it was not another sort of infatuation.

At times, he seemed to regret an

evening spent otherwise than as a philatelist would enjoy it.

Finally, she gave up; worried no more about the appearance of the dining room or the spots on the table from soaking stamps, or the hours her husband spent on the ever fascinating work. She even spared him to go to auctions and the like without a murmur, and last, but best of all, she developed a true interest in the game; and I don't want to shock you, but last week I saw her reading the WEEKLY.

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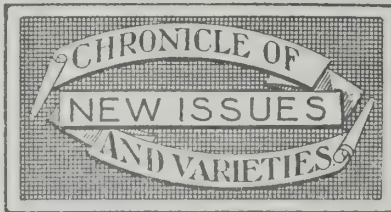
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—New envelopes are reported by J. M. Bartels, as follows:

B.No.	Denom.	Die	Var.	Size.	Paper	Wmk.	Kn.
2612A	2c	D v.5	3	Amber	17	92	
—	1c	A	8	Amber	19	59	
—	1c	A	13	White	19	89	
—	2c	A	13	Buff	19	89	
—	2c	E	5	Buff	19	87	
—	1c	C v.2	5	White	20	87	
—	1c	C v.2	8	White	20	59	
—	2c	A	8	White	20	91	

J. E. Dennett has shown us a used copy of the freak 3c reported in 1921. This came from New York. Specimens are reported from various offices, so that Mr. Olson's sheet was by no means unique. Mr. Olson writes further in regard to the matter: "In talking to a man who is quite well up on the matter of inks and printing, he expressed his opinion that the Government printers are probably experimenting with inks and that this was some sort of chemical experiment. I have looked over all the open packages of 3c stamps in all the St. Paul offices, but there is nothing of this nature among them."

CAMEROONS.—We are also indebted to R. E. R. Dalwick for information regarding the Cameroon stamps overprinted "CEF" with value in British currency. A variety with inverted "S" occurs on the sheets of the shilling (mark) values.

CANADA.—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred reports that in addition to the nine varieties of King George post cards noted in No. 1289, a reply card has been issued with inscription in English only.

Post Card.

1x1c green.

CURACAO.—Hermann Focke has also shown us the new 5c envelope, noted in No. 1289. This pays the postage to the United States, under the new arrangement in effect Sept. 1.

Walter W. Fritzsche writes: "In No. 1291 you mention a Curacao envelope postmarked 'U. S. Sea Post — Porto Rico.' About a year ago, I received a letter similarly marked and upon inquiry of the sea post clerk on the N. York and San Juan P. Rico run he informed me that the clerks only run as far as San Juan but that the boats continue down to South America. The letters are mailed on the boat and later cancelled by the clerk."

ECUADOR.—H. Chitraro and Jacques Krebs have also shown us the new 4c red and black, chronicled in No. 1292.

ICELAND.—The 3 and 5 aur, double-head type, is coming on new paper, watermarked with multiple crosses. Rumor of a new issue is given unofficially (Iceland flag in blue and white) according to A. C. Roessler.

URUGUAY.—Hermann Focke has shown us the 50c value of the 1910 type lithographed. Like all the others of the lithographed series, the stamp is poorly printed, and the color does not show up well.

ZANZIBAR.—The 3c of the current series type of 1913 has appeared on the regular Colonial paper, watermarked Multiple Crown and CA, instead of rosettes, used copies having been shown us by Hermann Focke.

THE WHOLESALE STAMP TRADE.

(This article is taken from the "Fortnightly" but there is food for reflection here for American dealers. The United States is lacking in wholesale business and the time is now at hand for some enterprising men to grasp the opportunity of supplying the American trade. There is a splendid opening in N. Y. City or Boston for a big wholesale business.—Ed.)

Six months have now passed since the article on the wholesale stamp trade was written, and as yet nothing has been done, even mooted, to recover the business for British hands. The few wholesale lists still published are even scantier than usual in their lists of stocks; and the large-size packets and mixed Continentals for packets are conspicuous by their absence, or, if they are in the lists, orders for them are turned down with the remark "sold out". Also, if wholesale lots of any magnitude are offered to English dealers, they are promptly refused, and colonial dealers are told that no wholesale lots are wanted whilst the war is on.

It seems to the writer that the wholesale British dealers have very little pluck. They are absolutely scared by heavy lots, and there is no necessity for being so, as there has never been a single instance of even the commonest stamps going back—indeed, the rises in value in even the commonest stuff have been phenomenal during the last ten or fifteen years.

To sum up the position, the German trade had at least five big wholesale firms, whose fine even models attract buyers, and those dealers were also always open to take unlimited quantities of even the commonest goods. They also gave every reasonable credit, and were also only too glad even to execute orders for, say, new issues, out since their lists were published. In albums they were certainly far behind the British, and their catalogues are only medium.

The British trade can only be said to issue about three decent wholesale lists, and even these are not nearly as big and full as their competitors: very few sell the packets, which are such a strong feature of Germany, and what dealer of any standing can say he can afford to ignore the packet trade?

The British wholesaler also goes in far too much for particular varieties, and not enough for mixed lots of various countries.

It is apparently agreed that Germany has of late years "collared" the wholesale stamp trade, and ousted Britain from her former position. The retail trade is all right, and strange to say has suffered very little from the terrible war; but the wholesaling is different, and British dealers must bestir themselves to regain their lost ground, and to help them do so there is no doubt but that they have a sympathetic lot of clients, not only in Britain but in all the Colonies and perhaps farther afield.

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BUSINESS METHODS DEMANDED.

By E. TUDOR GROSS.

In a recent issue, you speak editorially of the fact that the stamp season is at last "on," and you refer to statements of leading dealers predicting excellent business for the fall and winter. Your paper is doing a great deal toward furthering the interests of philately and incidentally furnishing an excellent medium for the dealer to sell his wares; but are the dealers, on their part, meeting you and the collector half way? While I realize that many collectors are boys, I also realize that a large per cent are men, and business men, who are accustomed to act along well established business lines. Although, to these men, stamp collecting is simply a hobby, and therefore, not a matter of vital importance, they nevertheless have a right to expect that their orders will be given reasonably prompt attention.

A week ago, I ordered some very common, easy-to-get United States stamps from a prominent advertiser. To date, I have heard nothing. About a year ago, I ordered a small amount from the same dealer and long afterwards, when I had found the stamps elsewhere, I received an approval card with part of the order represented. Very possibly, and quite probably, the dealer in question did not have the entire order in stock at the time, but it would have taken very little trouble to have acknowledged the receipt of my letter, by postal, and stated that the order would be filled as soon as possible. Friends of mine have complained of similar experiences with other dealers, and therefore, I think that a little thought given to applying business methods to the business of selling stamps will not only be reflected in increased sales, but will greatly add to the pleasure of collecting.

As you have spoken of the beginning of the stamp season, perhaps the above suggestion may not be amiss.

THE MALTA 4d BLACK.

The long-expected 4d black stamp—view of Valetta Harbour—has at last arrived. We have just received a copy from our Malta correspondent, who states that it was issued on Saturday, August 21st. Early last year the *Colonial Journal* intimated that new stamps had been supplied, and that the colour scheme of 1908 had been followed with the exception of the 4d, which would be in black (not dark green, as forecasted). In our issue for January 3rd, 1914, we announced that a correspondent had seen "specimen" copies of this issue.—*Stamp Collecting*.

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Advertising Chat—No. 7.

We don't expect to fill Bill Bloss' shoes but until he gets back we will wriggle around in them. Moreover our dope is not so interesting as what Bill writes, but we are not to blame for that. Remember the placard that was placed on the wall of a western church:—"Don't shoot the organist, he does the best he knows how."

We really ought to enlist W. Parker Lyon in our publicity campaign. If we got him on the job pushing, there would be something doing. The trouble is he is too busy plating Sonoras—never asleep when he can buy, talk or exchange Sonoras.

Let's get down to business!

Andrew Sledd intends to sell his stock of stamps through the WEEKLY instead of the auction room. This means that the consumer will get a benefit. We advise a careful perusal of the quarter page used this week. Mr. Sledd is well known to us and we can guarantee absolutely fair and courteous treatment.

The "Stamp Trade" takes an inch space until further notice. While this is a dealers' paper, the collector will get sufficient value for his money to warrant sending in a subscription. Send for a sample copy, anyway, and justify the truth of our statement.

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Once in a while we get a letter that has the ring of sincerity in it and we like to use it. F. J. Rider of the Gray Stamp Co., who has used large space in the WEEKLY during the past six months, writes us as follows:—"I want to say how well pleased I am with results. I get a fine lot of replies and the last week or so has been extra good, more than I could keep up with. Have about thirty orders for approval selections and a dozen orders for special adv. stamps on hand now that I simply couldn't get time to fill today. Some have been waiting two or three days. These are all good customers, too, nearly all results of the WEEKLY ads."

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PACIFIC WAR PROVISIONALS.

About the middle of June, Colonel Pethebridge, Administrator of late German New Guinea, paid a visit to Melbourne on official business. He returned to Rabaul by the R. M. S. Morinda which left on 21st July. Colonel Pethebridge passed through Sydney from Melbourne on his way to join the steamer at Brisbane, and we took advantage of the opportunity to request the favour of an interview.

In response to our invitation Colonel Pethebridge paid us a visit before leaving Sydney and expressed his willingness to give us for the benefit of our readers any information he could.

On inquiring if anyone could now have German New Guinea or Marshall Islands stamps overprinted G. R. I. with the value in British currency, Colonel Pethebridge replied "No," and added that of late there had been no applications of that character as he assumed there were no more stamps to be overprinted.

He said that prior to leaving Melbourne he had made arrangements with the Commonwealth Stamp Printer for an additional supply of stamps, and he hoped in about six weeks' time to be able to supply them to the public in reasonable quantities, at face value of course, and without taking into consideration for what purpose they were required.

Colonel Pethebridge told us that he was taking up additional staff with him to attend to financial matters generally, which would, of course, include the handling of postage stamps. He also intimated that he had given instructions for the preparation of a proper obliterating stamp, which would supersede the oval rubber one now in use.

He said further that if anyone wrote to his office for stamps the stamps would be supplied, if there were sufficient stock to warrant compliance with the request, but he intimated that he was not a stamp dealer, and if anyone wanted any particular kinds of stamps they would have to get them from the regular dealers.

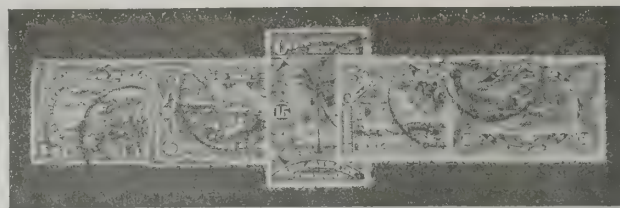
We showed him the various settings of the letter "S" in the word "Islands" of the overprint, and he was somewhat surprised to find that the difference in the shape of the "S" had been noticed, but he was quick to see that there was a difference, and when we explained to him what it amounted to from a collector's point of view and added that instead of a collector wanting one stamp of a kind he might now want 30, he was astonished; but he admitted that it gave him an insight into what stamp collecting really was.

Colonel Pethebridge is not a collector himself. He desired it to be known that he was not in any way antagonistic to the wishes or wants of collectors, but that so far as he was concerned he did not intend going outside his official duties which were to see that the territory was properly administered.

We omitted to ask our visitor if there was likely to be any alteration in the setting of the overprint in the fresh consignment of stamps, but that is probably a matter for the Commonwealth Printer and we shall have to possess our souls in patience until we have seen them. We should not be surprised to find that in subsequent printings the varieties had disappeared.

Having heard that some higher denominations than the 1sh had been overprinted for issue at Rabaul, the Colonel informed us in reply to our question that he did not intend having any higher stamps than the 1sh value.

He informed us also that he had read the various references to the New Guinea and Marshall Islands stamps, which had appeared in this journal from month to month and of which we had sent him copies, and that he was now a great deal wiser in regard to philatelic matters than he had been. He had no idea that stamp collecting was of such a vast character, and while there was at first a disposition at headquarters to ignore collectors, it was eventually decided that no obstacles should be placed in the way of any person acquiring stamps in the ordinary course should they wish to do so, but the Colonel said



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he was determined that nothing of an irregular character would be tolerated. He added that he was not going up to Rabaul to risk the dimming of a reputation which had taken him 40 years to acquire. His duty was to see that the territory under his control was properly governed, and he was responsible to the (Australian) Minister for Defense, only, for all his procedure. So far as postal matters were concerned, the Commonwealth Postal Department had nothing to do with them. On our suggesting that his position was analogous to that of the Resident Commissioner of the British Solomon Islands and other Protectorates, he replied, "Yes."

Our interview with Colonel Pethebridge was of a very cordial nature. He expressed his willingness to help stamp collectors in any way that he could, and he appreciated the various communications that we had sent him from time to time.

We are confident that stamp collectors and dealers will get fair treatment from the Administrator, but those who think they will be able to get freaks or curiosities through the post will be sadly disappointed.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

FOR A SHUT-IN.

We have received from Wendover Neefus a National Album for 1914 and several pounds of mixed U. S. If any subscriber can recommend a worthy shut-in, we shall pass along the kindness Mr. Neefus has manifested. For the benefit of some subscribers we might add that the album covers U. S. and its colonies.

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One of the most interesting provisional series of late years was that issued by the Governor of the Portuguese India in 1911-12. This issue was authorized by the Home Government at Lisbon, and was issued at Goa to fill a real need. Therefore there was a postal necessity for the stamps and they were used in the regular order of business. Both Scott and Gibbons list these interesting stamps, but with rare exceptions, no prices are given for used specimens. By a fortunate chance we are enabled to supply collectors looking for genuinely postally used stamps with the following list, at the low prices named. In most cases we can supply both right and left halves, but in no case can we supply used unsevered pairs. Prices are net, per half stamp, with postage extra on orders under 50 cents.

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1911, 1r on half of 2r orange, No. 260... .15

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1 1/2r on half of 2r yel. brn., No. 261... .08

1 1/2r on half of 2r yel. brn., No. 264... .40

1 1/2r on half of 9r gray lilac, No. 265... .15

1 1/2r on half of 4t blue, No. 266... .18

2r on half of 2 1/2r yel. brn., No. 267... .15

2r on half of 2 1/2r yel. brn., No. 268... .20

3r on half of 2 1/2r yel. brn., No. 269... .15

3r on half of 2 1/2r yel. brn., No. 270... .12

6r on half of 4 1/2r light grn., No. 271... .08

6r on half of 9r gray lilac, No. 272... .12

6r on half of 9r dull violet, No. 273... .12

6r on half of 8r red violet, No. 274... .12

Overprinted "Republica" on Issue of 1911.

1r on half of 1r gray, No. 283... .08

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1r on half of 1r carmine, No. 284... .10

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Official Stamps.

The first official stamp was issued at the beginning of 1892.

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ALEXANDRIA, 30th December, 1892.

The design is after the usual style of De La Rue's Egyptians, but the central oval has had the pyramid and sphinx removed for the inscription SERVICE DE L'ETAT which also appears in Turkish beneath.



It is rather curious that no value is expressed on this stamp, the idea being, doubtless, that the one stamp should do duty on any sized official parcel. The sheets at first consisted of 240 stamps in four panes of 60, but in June, 1914, the size of sheet was increased to 400 in four panes of 100 each. The new printing was in a darker shade. The 1907 officials when first issued were not sold to the public unused, but nowadays they are plentiful in that condition. There appear to be no overprint varieties. The overprinting was executed by De La Rue & Co.

At the end of 1908 the following notice appeared in *Le Bulletin Postal Egyptien* concerning the 1907 official stamps:—

Concerning the franking of articles sent through the post on the service of the State.

On and after January 1, 1909, the regulations relative to the franking of letters

and other articles sent on the State's Service (i. e., those regulations contained in No. 3 of the *Bulletin Postal* dated January 29, 1907), will be modified as follows:—

1. Ordinary correspondence of all kinds is to be stamped with a special stamp, which will be, until further notice, the old stamp inscribed SERVICE DE L'ETAT.
2. Each article despatched, no matter what it be, nor what its weight, is to be franked with one stamp only.
3. Insured packets and parcels on which the rate has up to the present been paid in cash are to be franked with the stamps "O. H. H. S." which are now current; stamps to be equal in value to the rate payable.
4. The same "O. H. H. S." stamps are to be used to pay the rate for registration within the confines of the State, and to frank articles going abroad. It is therefore intended that registered letters be provided with two kinds of stamps: i. e., "O. H. H. S." stamps in payment of the registration fee, and stamps inscribed SERVICE DE L'ETAT to frank the letter.
5. The rates for money orders, etc., are still to be paid in cash.

The overprinted officials of 1907 bore the letters (in black) "O. H. H. S." in sans serif capitals with Arabic equivalent below. A shortage of the 5 mills official stamp occurred in November, 1913, with the result that a local "O. H. H. S." overprint was applied without any Arabic wording beneath. The local overprint exists inverted. The 4 mil vermilion was the last stamp added to this set. The "O. H. H. S." overprint has now been added to two or three values of the 1914 Pictorial issue.

Before leaving the subject of official stamps it is necessary to give an account of the large-sized officials which were in existence in the early sixties. They are not labels of artistic merit, nor do we advise collectors to take them too seriously.

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20 "	7 Iceland	20	6 Timor	10
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10 Chile	40 France	10	1000 Hinges	8
10 Greece	10 Jamaica	10	20 Roumania	16
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Offizio di Birket-el-Sab, deep-rose.
Offizio di Tanta, yellow.

The colours of the papers do not appear to be known for the following towns which are credited with the use of this frank:

1. Cairo Birket-el-sab, deep
Alexandria rose.
Damianhour Suez
Kafir Zayat Damiat
Tanta, yellow. Zefla
Zagazig Mehalla
Benha Samanud

The next set was issued under the instigation of the viceregal postoffice. The impressions were struck in black on coloured porous paper, and were in use at the following towns:

2. Alexandria, pink [paper].
Cairo, green; variety pink.
Atfe, yellow (deep).
Birket-el-Sab, red-brown.
Took, brown.
Beuka, green and yellow ochre.
Zifta, grey.
Damiat, yellow.
Suez, rose.
Abuhomus, pink and light brown.
Damanhour, grey.
Kafir-Zayat, deep brown.
Zagazig, green (light).
Samanud, blue-green.
Kafir Duar, blue (deep).
Ramie, brown.
Galiub, green.
Tel-el-Barud, grey (dull).

There are several other sets of these officials, but it would serve no good purpose to tabulate them, as the towns at which they were used are mostly the same for all. We extract the following short cutting from *The Stamp Collectors' Magazine* of 1868:

"These stamps are termed 'official' stamps, and very probably if placed on official letters, would be taken to indicate the nature of such letters and free them from charge. But we take it that they are also used as a species of seal, and that it is indeed their principal employment to show simply whence comes the packet of letters to which they are affixed. The idea of these stamps was borrowed from the Italian post-office, in which similar labels are used to seal the bags of letters, and it will be in the remembrance of our readers, that a large number of more or less ornamental designs were offered for these stamps, when the emission of a new type was decided upon."

Collectors who wish an exhaustive history of these "Officials" are recommended to study the subject in Moens' handbook on Egypt, which book will be

found in this article under the heading "Bibliography."

The following illustration gives a rough idea of the appearance in general of the stamps under discussion.



(To be continued.)

ROUMANIAN ISSUES.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The earliest stamps of Roumania, those of the principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia, are among the greatest of European stamp rarities, many of them beyond the reach of all but the wealthiest collectors. The rare Moldavians of circular design have already been discussed in these notes, and it is with the stamps issued during the past ten years that my remarks are concerned this week. These are chiefly of the commemorative or charity classes of postage stamps, and are of special interest at the present time when the eyes of the Allies and of the enemy, and, indeed, of the whole world, are turned anxiously in the direction of this Balkan kingdom.

Roumania had only issued one series of commemorative stamps prior to the period under discussion. This was the set issued in 1903 to mark, rather belatedly, a peaceful event which had taken place two years earlier, nothing more, indeed, than the opening of the new General Post Office in Bucharest. In 1906 two events of greater national significance were marked by special issues of stamps. The first of these sets is in a uniform design, with the portrait of the late King Carol turned to left; the second series bears a variety of vignettes of historical subjects. The same values occur in similar colours in each set, and whilst the King's portrait set marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the elevation of Roumania to a kingdom, the pictorial set marks the completion of forty years of the late monarch's reign.

MILITARY SCENES ON STAMPS.

The incidents depicted in the pictorial set are of a high degree of interest. On the 1 bani is a group showing Prince Carol taking the oath of allegiance to the Constitution in 1866. The 3 bani shows the Prince driving across the Steppes, and the 5 bani shows him in the midst of a battle scene, heartening and leading his newly reorganised army at the battle of Kalafat in the Russo-Turkish war in 1877. Then on the 10 bani is depicted the historic meeting between the Prince and Osman Pasha in 1878. The 15 bani has two medallion portraits, one showing Carol as Prince in 1866, the other as King in 1906. The 25 bani is a very remarkable stamp design, for in the small space of the vig-

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This set of stamps, with its historic association of Russia in the elevation of Roumania to independence, and the union of Russia and Roumania against Turkish misrule, was followed last year with another series commemorating the recovery of the province of Silistria at the end of the last Balkan war, depicting, in addition to various allegorical devices, the passage of troops over the Danube (5 bani), and the towns of Silistria (10 bani) and Dobrudja (25 bani). On the 15 bani of this issue are two portrait medallions; one is that of Mircea, the old-time Hospodar of Wallachia (1387-1418), who wrested Dobrudja and Silistria from the Bulgarian, but had to surrender the right bank of the Danube to the Turks and to do homage to the Turkish Sultan; the other portrait is that of the late King Carol.

ROUMANIAN CHARITIES.
 The present Queen of Roumania, as Princess Marie, was responsible for the designs of several charity postage stamps, issued in aid of certain philanthropies under the patronage of the Queen Elizabeth (the present dowager, popularly remembered as the poetess-Queen, Carmen Sylva). The stamps were issued in sets of four denominations, and there are five sets which appeared in 1906-1907.

The charity stamps paid inland postage of the amounts 3, 5, 10, and 15 bani, the four denominations being repeated in each design; but they were sold by the post-office at 10, 15, 20, and 25 bani respectively, the extra sums going to the funds of the Policlinica and Tesatorea Institutions in Roumania.

The latest charity stamps of Roumania have been issued to collect funds for the refugees from Transylvania in the present war. Stamps of special design had been prepared, but as they were alleged to typify too plainly Roumanian national ambitions they were suppressed on Austrian representations. Instead, three ordinary stamps and one postage-due stamp have been overprinted "Timbru de ajutor" (aid stamp), and are sold at a premium, the premium going to the fund named. The values are 5, 10, and 50 bani postage, and the 10 bani postage-due.—Telegraph.

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1st Issue—Rubber stamp surcharge: EMERGENCY TAX in black, red, or violet on 1909 Issue:

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2nd Issue—Printed Surcharge: EMERGENCY TAX UNDER ACT OF 1914 in black or yellow on 1909 issue.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Introducing Nebraska—Nebraska must be reckoned with. The state was a factor in philately when it was some distinction to be an outspoken exponent of the pursuit. While the progress of each year is slight perhaps yet a quarter century has marked an advance that may well be regarded with complacency by those who would have philately flourish. The birth of philately may not be said to have taken place at any definite date but it became systematized about 1890 in Nebraska. Though the stamp paper and stamp dealer made their appearance in Nebraska in the '70's yet it was not until about 1890 that Nebraska's participation in American philately became recognized. One of the first state societies to be established was Nebraska's and though after years of usefulness it faded away, it may be recorded that a successor has been organized and at Omaha on Oct. 7th, 1915, the Nebraska State Philatelic Society was introduced at a convention held for the purpose.

All There—The Omaha convention was a success in all respects and though naturally the majority of those present were residents of Omaha, there was a representation of down state Nebraskans and several others. For instance, we shall name the guests at the dinner given at the Commercial Club of Omaha: W. R. King, Grand Island, Nebraska; L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Nebraska;

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On Its Way—The state society for Nebraska was organized and started on its career. With newly elected officers and a constitution, the Nebraska State Philatelic Society steps forth to scatter seeds of philatelic flavor as it proceeds on its way. The annual convention will bring the members together and the society may be depended upon to promote collecting in Nebraska and to safeguard its interests. Of course, the *Philatelic West* was chosen as official journal but nevertheless the day may come when some society, somewhere, will not choose the paper in question as official journal.

Prizes—A feature of the convention was the exhibition of philatelic literature made by Mr. W. R. King of Grand Island, Nebraska, who has been for so many years a student and discriminating collector of philatelic literature. Mr. King brought from his library a selection that he thought would appeal to the members and it was examined with close attention. Among the volumes were: John K. Tiffany's *Philatelic Catalogue*, 1874, with original paper covers bound in: *Mason's Coin and Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, 1867 and 1868, with covers bound in: *Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, Volume One, 1863, with Nova Scotia, 2 cent violet, presentation stamp, on cover: *The Philatelist*, Stafford Smith and Co., Volume One, 1867: *American Journal of Philately*, Volume One, with covers, first series, 1868, and the *Philatelic Journal*, 1872-75, Manchester, England, Jas. R. Grant & Co. (Trade name of P. L. Pemberton) Volumes one and two. It is not necessary to add that Mr. King's philatelic library is one of the greatest and an advantage that attended Mr. King's endeavors was his early regard for stamp literature. Pieces that were rather readily available thirty years or so ago are almost unattainable today.

All Right—Omaha did entertain its visitors in a way to make them know that their presence was indispensable and one who had no conception of the

philatelic resources of the city took his departure impressed by the courtesy, the stamps and the enthusiastic collectors that made the Omaha convention a pleasant and profitable one. Merely to indicate that the convention was a full and complete one the statement is made that a group picture of the delegates was taken.

THE LATE CAV. A. CAVE BONDI.

We learn with very great regret of the death at Leghorn on September 8th of one of the greatest collectors in Italy, the Cavalier Augusto Cave Bondi. Mr. Bondi was born at Leghorn on August 23, 1851, and obtained his diploma as Doctor of Jurisprudence at Pisa, and his degree of *avocat* at Florence in 1875.

In the *Philatelic Record* of October, 1906, it is stated that he was interested in stamps when at college. His first collection, numbering about 3,000, he presented to his uncle, M. César Cave, who had been for many years a member of the *Société Française de Timbrologie*, and whose collection, in spite of the fact that it was very badly arranged, had obtained a certain renown all over Italy.

Mr. Cave died in 1899, and left his stamps to his three nephews, including Cav. Bondi, who set about re-arranging the collection, but the latter was ultimately sold and the proceeds devoted to the acquisition of a charmingly situated villa at Ardenza close to Leghorn, and a Home was established there capable of accommodating 150 children. The Home was named the "César Cave" in memory of the founder of the collection. Another portion of the proceeds was devoted to a Children's Home in the city of Leghorn; in fact, all Mr. Bondi obtained for his stamps was devoted to charitable purposes of the kind.

It was in 1892 Mr. Bondi started his own great philatelic work of specialising in the stamps of the Italian States and United Italy. This developed into a monumental collection, which at the Milan Exhibition (1906) was contained in 24 volumes and gained the King of Italy's gold medal, the highest award at the Exhibition.

It was in 1910 that we first saw the Bondi collection still in 24 volumes, which, if displayed out in the ordinary manner, would have absorbed most of the show case area at the Berne Exhibition of that year. Here, also, Cav. Bondi secured a gold medal.

Dr. Emilio Diena, who sends us the sad news of Cav. Bondi's death, states that owing to the indifferent condition of his health, Mr. Bondi sold his collection a few years ago, and in the last period, he had no interest in stamps. Our friend adds, "I have lost with him a good friend, his city is deprived of one of the best philanthropists."—*Postage Stamp*.

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 elected President of the American Phi-
 latelic Society and we gladly take this
 occasion to add our tribute to those ap-
 pearing in the philatelic press.

He commenced to collect stamps in
 1882 and in the course of time he ac-
 quired a very large collection. Mr.
 Howes became especially interested in
 Asiatic stamps and is now known as an
 authority on these stamps from his per-
 sonal research work. He also made a
 special study of the stamps of Corea,
 Japan, Formosa, China and Chinese
 Treaty Ports. His collection of the lat-
 ter is of unusual interest, not only be-
 cause of its completeness but for the
 manner in which the stamps have been
 arranged and mounted. These Treaty
 Port pages not only show the stamps,
 but also copies of inscriptions, transla-
 tions of the same and data concerning
 the purpose and use of the stamps, by
 what authority issued, etc.; the larger
 part of the information having been
 gathered by Mr. Howes from personal
 study, he having gone so far as to learn
 to translate the Chinese characters.

His specialized collection of Corea,
 which contains several unique things in
 the way of stamps, was perhaps the first
 real philatelic study of this neglected
 country, which contained much more in
 its issues that needed working out than
 anybody had previously realized. It is
 mounted with full annotations, transla-
 tions of inscriptions, etc., as Mr. Howes
 has studied the Korean language as well
 as the Chinese. The collection has been
 exhibited and awarded bronze medals at
 London in 1907 and 1912, at Vienna in
 1911 and a silver gilt medal at New York
 in 1913.

He is the author of a book called
 "The Stamp Designs of Eastern Asia,"
 published in 1905, which illustrates and
 describes the stamps of China, Corea and
 Japan. The work that received the most



praise from collectors of all countries is
 his exhaustive book on "Canada, Its
 Stamps and Postal Stationery," and the
 fact that he has been for some time past
 at work on a companion volume to treat
 of Newfoundland, the Maritime Provin-
 ces and British Columbia is a result of
 the favor with which the earlier volume
 was received. Mr. Howes graduated
 from the Massachusetts Institute of
 Technology, Class of 1894. He was a
 charter member of the American Phi-
 latelic Society, is a member of the Royal
 and Junior Philatelic Societies of Lon-
 don, and has served the Boston Philatelic
 Society as President and was for ten
 years its Secretary. I might enlarge on
 this and tell many things, among others,
 that Mr. Howes has a very pleasing
 young daughter and how much she takes
 after her mother, but there are limita-
 tions and the editor has a blue pencil.—
N. E. Stamp Monthly.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all
 the news from the various philatelic centers.
 Correspondents' names will be given unless
 prohibited as we desire to give full credit for
 services rendered.

—Action was taken at a meeting of
 the Ripon (Wisc.) Philatelic Society,
 October 4, to organize a branch of the
 S. P. A. The required number of ap-
 plications were secured and soon, there
 will be a branch in Ripon. Medina,
 Ohio, collectors are also forming a
 branch in their city.

—Clippings are acknowledged with
 thanks from H. E. Abt, J. A. Bangs,
 Grant L. Paul.

—"There is a story in the *All Story*
Weekly, dated Oct. 9, that deals with
 the trials and tribulations of a stamp
 collector. Possibly some of your read-
 ers would enjoy reading it."—I. T.
 MANN.

—Geo. L. Baldwin, Sioux City, Iowa,
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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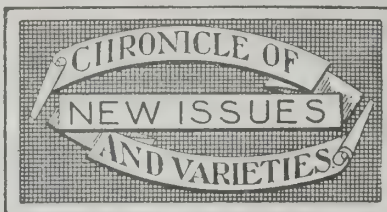
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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels reports having seen a size 14 envelope having the same shape that is now being used for the sizes 3, 5, 8 and 13. The new knife will be called 93. As this change of knife has not been mentioned by the P. O. Department it comes as a surprise. The paper used in the envelopes of the 1915 series is wove. So far we have not noticed a single exception.

The following new envelopes are noted:

Denom.	Die.	Wmk. 20 (1915).	Size.	Paper.	Kn.
1c	D	13		Blue	89
2c	A	14		White	93

BRITISH GUIANA.—Hermann Focke informs us that the 72c value of the new set has at last appeared, thus completing the set up to the 96c value. Mr. Focke also encloses two copies of the 2c stamp of the present issue, showing marked differences in the shading of the tablet bearing the value, the heavy shading being the first printing. The triangular dotted shading to the left of the crown has almost disappeared. The same varieties are found on the 5c value, and the second printing of this stamp is in a much deeper blue color than the first printing. The 72c value just issued is also of the second printing, i. e.: tablet lines very faint and shading to left of crown almost invisible. The 60c value

has heavy lines in tablet but no shading to left of crown, whereas all other values, including the 96c on white back, are of the first printing. Peculiarities in the latter stamp were noted in No. 1277.

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72c violet and orange brown.

CUBA.—Grant Tiffany's note in No. 1291 regarding a variety of the 2c map stamp of Cuba, brings out the following interesting letter from Secretary J. T. Perdomo of the Asociacion Cuba Filatelica:

"Regarding to the variety of the 2c map stamp of Cuba, reported by Grant Tiffany, I must say that there has been published a list (the most complete one up to now) by J. Gutierrez Hernandez, a member of our Association, in which all those varieties are included. This list has been published in our official organ, *El Coleccionista*, and it contains the following varieties: 'REPUBLICA', 'GUBA', 'LEPUBLICA', 'HEPUBLI-CA', 'HEPUBLI-CA', 'REPIUBLICA', 'CURA'; of all these the scarcest is that reading 'LEPUBLICA'.

"In the 'Un Centavo' stamps, there is also found a noted variety, which consists of the stamp having a white dot at both sides of the word 'UN' in the tablets at the sides. These varieties are due to the fact of the plates being not clean. There are frequently found pairs, blocks, etc., of the different styles. Also it has been noted that some stamps, especially those of the 1c and 2c denominations are found on tinted paper. Rose tinted paper on the 2c, and light green tinted paper on the 1c. Others of the 1c having a white line under the 'N' of 'CENTA-VOS', and those of the 2c having a thin white line under the 'U' or 'B' of 'RE-PUBLICA'. There are many other small varieties due to the imperfect cleaning of the plates."

FRANCE.—I. Thurman Mann, M. D. calls attention to an item in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* for Oct. 2, 1915. In the "Paris Letter" from a correspondent there, dated Sept. 9, 1915, under a sub-head, "The Dardanelles Stamp," is the following:

"The Société Française de Secours aux Blessés Militaires has contributed toward the conversion of the Charles Raux, a transatlantic liner, into a floating hospital. The society has furnished the boat with 300 beds and important hospital equipment. It has entirely at its own expense, chartered another boat, the Saint Francais-d'Assise, which is about to set out for the Dardanelles. The society has also sent out 30 nurses, some of whom are to work on board of the Charles Raux, while others are to be assigned to ambulance units already established on the island of Lemnos. This work has imposed heavy expenses on the society. In order to meet these expenses, it has just issued a new 5c postage stamp called the 'Dardanelles stamp.' This stamp shows an ambulance unit composed of several tents under the shadow of the French flag and the Red Cross standard; a nurse of the society is caring for a wounded soldier. This stamp is sold in books of twenty. On the cover of each book is a colored picture representing the Charles Raux, whose white hull is barred with a broad red stripe; at the masthead flutters the French flag and the flag of the Red Cross."

ST. VINCENT.—M. Ohlman reports a variety in the new provisional having a right hand corner block with left upper stamp showing a period after the "T" of St. Vincent. This also ought to be found on the same stamp without surcharge.

DOCTOR HELD IN STAMP CASE FREED.

Dr. Adolfo Luria, 3611 Lexington street, Chicago, an alienist and former member of a commission which investigated the psychopathic hospital recently, was freed by Lewis F. Mason, United States Commissioner, today, when Anthony Telli, Washington, D. C., a stamp collector, failed to prove that stamps alleged to have been converted to his own uses by Dr. Luria, were genuine and valuable.—*Chic. American.*

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630 " " " "	.25	.12
632 " " " "	1.25	.50
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"Roessler's Stamp News" for 10c the year if you send us your order for Scott's 1916 cloth bound Catalog (\$1.00 postpaid). A. C. ROESSLER, East Orange, N. J.

Advertising Chat—No. 8.

It is possible that we shall soon be compelled to discontinue our "chat." It will not be because we have nothing to talk about but rather because of lack of space. Anyway we can wait until Bill Bloss returns when the tall timber will no doubt claim us.

In no previous year has October looked so good to us as this year and our columns are just bubbling over with bargain offers. The collector should revel in the good things offered and appreciate the fact that advertised stamps represent the cream of bargains.

D. M. Ward announces this week the purchase of the F. P. Collingwood stock of stamps and is better prepared than ever to accommodate his patrons.

The firm of W. C. Phillips & Co., Glastonbury, Ct., used 4000 lines last year and has begun on a new contract of 5000 lines for the coming year. The Phillips Co. intends to beautify their advts. with half tones. The wonder is that cuts are not used more frequently by our advertisers.

An addition to the list of auction advertisers will be noted in the announcement of B. L. Voorhees. The fact that Mr. Voorhees has already held more than half-a-hundred sales will indicate that he is an expert at the business.

Our western stamp firm using a quarter page to advertise approval selections shows enterprises surely. It's a bold venture and we hope it will be a profitable one. The manager has been a frequent user of displayed space.

W. F. Gregory has made a change in his Nassau St. address and will hereafter be found at number 95. We made public announcement last week and for good measure give Mr. Gregory the additional word.

A very gratifying word comes to us from the advertising manager of "St. Nicholas." Mr. Guion writes us that he will use 2000 lines the coming year to exploit his publication. This is more than double the space used last year. Mr. Guion says: "Actions speak louder than words and you can infer from this what results we expect from your paper."

We are especially glad to welcome back Bright & Son. Our dealings with this firm have always been of the most satisfactory nature. Our welcome is especially hearty in view of the fact that the firm has increased its space to double that formerly taken. See editorial page.

C. A. Stegmann of St. Louis wants to buy your collection as will be noted elsewhere in this issue. Emily King of Halifax, N. S., resumes regular advg. this week.

We are building for the issue of October 30. Have your copy reach us October 23. It will be our "Season-Opener" and a good one, too. Share with your fellow dealers in the splendid prosperity now apparent in all branches of the stamp trade.

To be continued.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. THE ILLS OF JIMMY O'. By EDWIN B. HILL.

The streets of Willow ran yellow with mingled 'dobe and water. Real rain had fallen upon the unsuspecting earth, and for fully three days the sun had not shone,—an unprecedented thing for Arizona.

"Right here is where I begin to get some peevish," declared my friend, Jimmy O', as he looked out upon the lowering sky. "Three days I can stand it, then I seek solitude, or I fight my best friends."

Now Jimmy O', be it known, had forsaken the way of the transgressor on pleasure bent, *via* the cow-boy route, and was hoarding his coin-of-the-realm to augment his "collection," donated—with the aid of \$87.50 of Jimmy O'.s cash—by his bosom friend, Johnny Williams, of the Gila country; all of which has been duly set forth "in a previous issue," as the magazines say. Jimmy O' was just returning from a fortnight's visit to Johnny, and had reached my shack when the skies opened. For three days Jimmy had soaked up rain and stamper information alternately. But Jimmy could cook, and he was "good company," so I could endure a fortnight of him—almost—during a rain in Arizona.

"Finest climate in the world," chirped Jimmy. "Great country, too, until they put water on it. Now we're ruined."

Jimmy looked as gloomy as the skies. He made it personal. For me, I failed to see wherein the ruin lay. Six or seven crops of alfalfa a year under irrigation looked good to me. But Jimmy rambled on, and I knew something worth while was sure to follow, especially when he began deftly with one hand to roll a cigarette.

"The greatest game of baseball I ever saw was on Grand Island, Niagara River, on the 3d or 5th of July, '89. There was a collection of stamps on third base, and every man who reached it had his pick free. I don't just remember who got first choice, but I managed to get a couple."

This was the point where I sat up suddenly. Jimmy was just 26: that settled him. Then I remembered. There were some old amateur papers in the tent-house, vintage of the '80's and '90's, and Jimmy had been absorbing them with a purpose.

"Fine bunch o' sports. Friends o' mine, too. There was Sammy Stinson, who knocked always three-baggers; an' there was 'Willow,' who never agreed with 'Anti,' and them two delayed the game in-or-di-nate-ly. An' there was another friend o' mine there, too, who was some unfortunate. He never got to third base."

Be it known, *en parenthese*, that on that day of July, '89, both the managing editor of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and the humble writer of these sketches played in a game of base ball at the place designated. It was a battle royal between the East and the West, members of the National Amateur Press Association. But there wasn't a stamp collection on third base,—only a keg of water. I shall never forget that, for I nearly died of thirst. I was the old friend Jimmy felt sorry for!

"It was a great convention," continued

Jimmy. "I think I got these two stamps yet." He fumbled amongst some letters inside his shirt, drew forth a tattered envelope, and extracted a fragment of an approval sheet, which he passed over to me.

If I sat up when Jimmy began his monologue, I sat up some more here and now, for what my eyes rested on were two copies of the six cents Proprietary, orange, in immaculate condition, as like as two perfect stamps could be.

"And I says to myself, last week," continued Jimmy, ungrammatically, "if the gods are good, and I survive, I'll give one o' these souvenirs to a friend o' mine who sure got less than he deserved at that game in '89."

Whereupon Jimmy held out his hand for the sheet, gazed at it intently, detached the copy which he deemed the preferable, and passed it back to me. The other he poked into his breast-works once more, and resumed his attention to another cigarette.

"One lovely day in April," he began after I had expressed my thanks, "One lovely day in April, as I said before—and it didn't rain, either—Mr. James O', for short, went to see his friend Johnny W. for long—say a couple o' weeks."

I feared the absorption of recent magazine literature was corrupting Jimmy's "style," but he abruptly swung into his pace. I grew more interested.

"Gila is all right for about nine days. Then you wonder if you can stand it four more. The wonder gets on your nerves. Mine, that is, Johnny and I wore it out on the round-up, and then I began to wish I had an old catalogue along. I took to prowling around town. About four days after—it was the last day I was there—I hit on a drug store, run by an old codger who'd brought his junk out from the East in a prairie schooner, and most of it was there yet,—vintage o' '66. My eye! It was funny! An' then I spotted a bottle with a stamp—one o' those Father-of-His-Country affairs. 'Never say die,' says I. 'While there's life there's hope. Jimmy O', you're on the verge of a great find. Go slow—but not too slow. Also, you may have to borrow money!'

"Say, the symptoms I developed would stump a horse-doctor, let alone a human one. Why, I had everything from cholera infantum to the heaves! Honest! And that old Ananias aided and abetted me, b'jinks! It cost me \$11.60—he knocked off a dollar and two bits when I had that acute attack of 'balm-for-women' disease—according to the symptom book—and the stamps. I annexed the only two bottles he had."

Here Jimmy waved his cigarette hand at the phantom six-cents Proprietary. "It was real unlady-like of him, but I sure appreciated it—him making me think I had it bad," declared Jimmy, with his humorous grin. "And say! I found when I rode on to Johnny's, to say good bye, that nine o' them bottles had busted on me, an' my saddle-bags was sure some afloat. But I saved the stamps."

Then Jimmy proceeded to dig out more letters from which another sheet was finally extracted. And I gloated! A four cents vermilion D. S. Barnes,—a one cent black Brandreth, perforated,—a two cents black, P. H. Drake & Co.,—and a six cents orange, James

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Swaim, were among the treasures. I figured Jimmy had acquired about \$700.00, catalogue value, for his \$11.60.

"An' now," said Jimmy, "as the sun begins to show symptoms, I reckon I'll saddle up and hustle along to Three Bar X. You see, I fed those two bottles o' that woman's friend to a Pima buck who sure had a thirst. He thought it

was a new brand o' firewater. I bet he got revenge on his squaw, somethin' fierce. Johnny told me they was a dep'ty sheriff lookin' fer a young man on a pinto horse. I fear that's my name. I tell you, son, you let women alone!" With which advice, Jimmy rapidly effaced himself from the borderland of Willow.

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THE STAMPS OF THE GERMAN COLONIES.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Caroline Islands.

The Caroline Islands is an archipelago of 680 islands and islets in the Pacific Ocean between the Marshall and Pelew Islands. They are divided into two groups, the Eastern and the Western, and have a total area of 560 square miles. Most of the islands are only small atolls, but there are about fifty of other formation and size, the most important being:

	Area.	Population.
Babelthouap,	106 square miles,	10,000
Ponape,	134 square miles,	2,000
Yap,	70 square miles,	2,750
Ruk,	80 square miles,	12,000
Kusaie,	45 square miles,	400

The climate, though rainy, is temperate and healthy. The capital is Ponape on the island of the same name. Archeologically the islands are interesting on account of their cyclopean structures. The people are strongly built, gentle, amiable and intelligent; they are bold sailors and carry on a brisk trade with the Ladrões to the north, where they have several settlements. The total population of the group exceeds 50,000 and Mr. F. W. Christian in his work on the Caroline Islands describes the people as "a fusion worked out for many centuries past between trader, explorer, fugitive, castaway, exile and pirate—streams of overlapping population following wave on wave."

The islands were discovered by the Portuguese Diego de Rocha in 1527, and called Sequeira; in 1686 they were annexed and rechristened with their present name in honor of Charles II by the Spaniards. Later still they were, for a time, known as the New Philippines. Several attempts (1710, 1731) to Christianise the inhabitants by the Jesuits from Manila were unsuccessful. In 1885, the hoisting of the German flag on Yap, gave rise to a sharp dispute with Spain, who claimed older rights to the islands. After much discussion it was decided that both countries should submit their claims to the Pope and abide by his decision in the matter. The Pope, Leo XIII, declared the islands belonged to Spain, but Germany should be allowed to establish a naval and coaling station there, and that German merchants acquiring land and residing there should have the same political rights as Spanish subjects. On 30th June, 1899, the islands became a German possession Spain having agreed to relinquish her rights in them and also in the Marianne Islands (except Guam), and Pala'u Islands for a monetary consideration of about five million dollars. Spain still, however, retained a coaling station on the islands.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

A post office was established at Ponape on October 15th, 1899, and on November 7th of the same year an office was opened at Yap. Special stamps were issued coincident with the opening of these offices or shortly afterwards the set consisting of the German stamps of 1889 overprinted "Karolinen" diagonally in black. Specialists distinguish two sets varying in the slope of the overprint and though these are not so pronounced as the two slopes of the "China" overprint previously referred to they are quite noticeable when placed side by side. As one variety is much rarer than the other on the 3, 5, 25 and 50pf denominations it is as well to learn to distinguish between them.

Reference List.

1899. German stamps of 1889 overprinted in black.
- 3pf brown, Scott's No. 1.
 - 5pf green, Scott's No. 2.
 - 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 3.
 - 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 4.
 - 25pf orange, Scott's No. 5.
 - 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 6.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

In 1900, in common with the other German possessions, the Caroline Islands were provided with a set of thirteen different values in the stereotyped Colonial "ship" type. These call for no special comment and a detailed description of the designs is given in the Cameroons chronicle.

Reference List.

1900. Colonial type. Perf. 14.
- 3pf brown, Scott's No. 7.
 - 5pf green, Scott's No. 8.
 - 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 9.
 - 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 10.
 - 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 11.
 - 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 12.
 - 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 13.

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THE FIRST ISSUE.

On October 4th, 1890, regular post-offices were opened at Dar-es-Salaam and Bagamoyo but no special stamps were issued until 1893 when the then current German stamps—the issue of 1889—were overprinted with new values in the local currency of pesas. The unit of currency was the rupee (worth about 32c U. S.) divided into 64 pesas. The new stamps were placed on sale in August and they form the first of the special colonial issues made by the German government. The surcharges were all in black and were all placed horizontally across the lower portion of the labels. The 5 and 10 pesas values exist in two pronounced shades and the surcharge on the 50pf stamp provides two varieties, one measuring 16 1/2 mm. and the other 17 1/2 mm. in length. Equal numbers of both were issued, or possibly both varieties existed in equal number in the printing form.

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(To be continued.)

RUSSIA TO USE STAMPS AS MONEY.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 17.—A scarcity of change has prompted the Russian ministry of finance to issue an order making postage stamps issued on the occasion of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the house of Romanoff legal tender. The stamps range in denomination from 1 to 20 kopecks. The order was made effective by being telegraphed throughout the empire.

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GERMAN DEALERS PLEASED.

(Oswald F. Schnette in a letter to the "Philadelphia Press" indicates a letting down of the bars in regard to stamp dealers doing business with stamps of a hostile nation. The following is written from Berlin.—Ed.)

The German Government has just withdrawn a regulation that forbade German subjects dealing in the stamps of countries with which Germany is at war. This had caused great protest, because Germany is a great philatelist centre, and literally millions of dollars of German money are tied up in collections belonging to men who make a business of dealing in rare stamps.

And with two-thirds of the world at war, this embargo was a hard blow. So the new rule merely prohibits the purchase and sale of current issues of stamps of the hostile countries. The German authorities take the position that the purchase of these current issues increases the revenues of the countries that put them out.

The German philatelists are rejoicing in the fact that the war is really a triumph for them. For the war issues for conquered territory in this great conflict are largely limited to Germany. These are the issues that will be the philatelic prize of the war. The German issues for Belgium, Northern France and Russian Poland will be important features of every future collection.

As there are genuine German post-offices, and a busy mail service throughout these regions, the surcharged issues are certainly legitimate ones. In the few square miles of Germany, Austria and Turkey which the Allies are able to hold there has been no pretense of mail service by the conquering governments.

SPEAKS BY THE BOOK.

Regarding your editorial on "benzene vs. gasoline":—

Benzene never was handled by druggists being the name used in England (and to some extent in this country) for what we ordinarily call benzol. This is a product of the destructive distillation of coal, being recovered in by-product coke ovens, tar distillation plants, etc. It can be used for detecting watermarks, but dissolves many colored inks, is very much less volatile than gasoline, and leaves a disagreeable odor behind after evaporating. Also, at present on account of the war the price is very high.

The liquid formerly used for detecting watermarks is benzin (or benzine), a petroleum distillate, and usually came out of the same barrel as the gasoline. Pure gasoline is suitable in every way for watermark detecting, but the liquid used in automobiles at the present time is "motor spirit" and not gasoline. Motor spirit or what they sell as gasoline is not the product of a straight distillation as is gasoline, but is the product of "cracking" the petroleum, i. e., heating it under pressure to high temperatures, either with or without the use of a catalyst.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

So Reported—A correspondent writing in the Philadelphia Bulletin says that stamp collectors have been made happy in consequence of the rescinding of the regulation that forbade the Kaiser's subjects to traffic in the stamps of the enemy or the countries at war with Germany. It is written that the Germans did not rest passively under the restriction of the authorities in view of their extensive philatelic affiliations and that they are now in that mental state that calls forth the reportorial standby "jubilant" because of the repeal, which falls short of "the purchase and sale of current issues of stamps of the hostile countries," which are still under the ban on the score of public policy.

Due Marks Continued—The reference to early due marks in our issue of September 25th, 1915, has attracted some attention. Mr. Ulrich of Hartford, Conn., writes: "I have a folded letter which was posted at Wetumpka, Montgomery County, Alabama, February 19th, 1839, that bears a mark 'Paid 6' in ink and also the written notice, 'Cheshire, Conn., March

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Stamps Gone—A batch of foreign mail was received by a firm in Chicago recently without stamps although it was apparent that the letters had been posted with them. The explanation was stamped on each letter, in six lines, "Postage Stamp Removed Before Receipt at the N. Y. P. O. (Hud. Term. Sta., Foreign Sec.)" The envelopes showed signs of wear and tear and it is possible that they had been immersed in water. We are pleased to find that the authorities, however, appreciate the importance of the used stamp and do not take its absence as a matter of course.

"I's" Have It—One should mind one's p's and q's when speaking chemically not to mention e's and i's. For instance, we wended our wordy way editorially in the issue of October 9th with the iteration of the word benzene. Why we should have spelled it "benzene" is a mystery to us as for a score of years we have made it benzine. We now say that through our own fault and not the printer's, benzene appeared in said editorial in place of benzine. Benzene is dismissed from philatelic consideration as it has no place in watermark hunting. Benzine and gasoline are what the watermark Nimrods must use in their squirt-guns. We think that readers could gather from the context of the editorial that good old benzene was in mind even though in some perverse mood benzene was brought forth. Anyhow, benzene, we are pleased to say attracted the attention of Mr. D. D. Berolzheimer, New York City, whose chemically pure observations will be found on another page.

Now Then—The proper detecting agent must be effective without disturbing the gum of the unused stamp or impairing the color in the slightest. In this connection, Mr. G. A. Hunt writes: "Where one is fortunate in having electric lights to work by, either agent is safe, barring of course lighted cigar or pipe. There is a perfectly safe substi-

tute in the form of a so-called cleansing agent known as 'Carbona' and Mr. Hunt extols the fluid as one perfectly safe, efficacious and harmless to the stamp. Still, in view of the fact that Mr. Berolzheimer in his letter appended a list of the agents nearly all of which attack the inks in which stamps are printed, and in this philatelic index expurgatorium, we find: "Carbon tetrachlorid ('Carbona' is tetrachlorid)." Under the circumstances, readers should "look a little out."

Mexico Emits—The stamps that Postmaster General Hinojosa "had made in this country" were seen several weeks ago while at the Omaha convention. We have been told that this portrait set of lithographed stamps depicting Mexican celebrities is one that is to be followed by a permanent set! We have been shown the set of stamps issued by Villa which did not get into circulation, the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 centavos, all with head of Madero in the frames of the Denver issue, it seems.

Where, O, Where?—Our readers are on the qui vive for news of Bill Bloss. First, we hear from him that he is making for the WEEKLY office by easy stages and later, he writes that he is tracking a collection to its lair in Mexico. We sincerely trust that Bill's martial spirit will not lead him into the factional frenzy pervading Mexico and finally to start an insurrection of his own. Still, if Bill heard duty call he would not flinch and if it came to pass that Senor Bloss wiped out all his rivals, we know that his stamp issues would at least be orderly as he would keep a card index of them and make each one distinctive from its fellows. The suggestion that we print a few hundred thousand copies of Bill's photograph on heavy paper after we run it in the WEEKLY is under consideration. As has been said a picture of Bill hanging in each schoolhouse of our teeming country would be a grand inspiration to the youth of the land. Again we congratulate our readers upon having in store the supreme delight of beholding Bill's likeness. We do not know when the picture will be published but in the meantime we wish to say that there is no truth in the rumor circulated by envious competitors that we do not accept subscriptions by telegraph.

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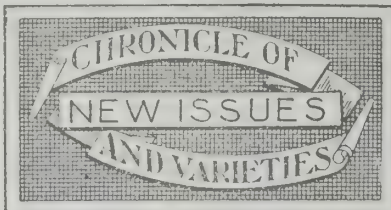
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AUSTRALIA.—Ewen's Weekly notes that the 2 1/2d, 1sh and 2sh values in the Kangaroo design have appeared on the King George paper.

CHINA.—Freeman C. Allen has shown us a cover with 1c and 7c stamps of the Junk type, which have a vertical overprint of five characters, entirely different from any of the Republic overprints. The letter came from Tihwafu, Sinkiang, via Shanghai. Can any of our readers throw any light on this overprint?

HONDURAS.—Reexamination of a sheet of the "Official—\$0.01" provisional referred to in No. 1292, discloses that the error, "0.10" was the last stamp in the sheet, the "\$0.20" error being the seventh stamp in the same or bottom row. The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. kindly submitted a sheet for examination.

A. W. Dunning has shown us the 6c value in the new lithographed set, the design being the same as the 5c previously noted, with the "Teatro Bonilla" as the centre piece.

Adhesive.

6c deep purple.

JAMAICA.—George A. Goubault informs us that another printing of the 3d violet on yellow paper (not surface colored or white back) was placed on sale on the 1st inst. The stamps can be distinguished by the color which is a lighter shade than the 1912 issue. Also the paper is bright yellow.

JAPAN.—Tadayasu Maki writes as follows:

The special postage stamps to be issued by the Department of Communications to Commemorate the Coronation are now being printed at the Government Printing Bureau. The stamps are of four kinds, 1 1/2 sen for cards, 3 sen for envelopes for domestic mail, and 4 sen for cards and 10 sen for foreign postage.

The 1 1/2 sen has an oval in the center in blue, within which is drawn a picture of the Imperial Crown, in black. Outside the oval in the right upper hand corner is a cherry tree and in the upper left, a noble citron tree, in red. The 3 sen has also an oblong in centre, with a picture of "Takamikura," the Imperial Throne, in purple, surrounded with Arabesque design of bamboo, panlownia and phoenix in faint yellow. The 4 sen and 10 sen stamps are printed in one colour and of same design. In the centre is seen the "Shisheeden Hall" where the Coronation takes place. On the right side, a warrior of the court, equipped with the old time armour and arms, is standing and on the left, a banner, a gong, a drum and a shield are shown. In the shield will be "4 sen" and "10 sen." At the bottom, "Memorial Stamps, Imperial Japanese Government Communication" will be printed. The same words will appear on the 1 1/2 and 3 sen stamps.

MARSHALL ISLANDS.—Ewen's Weekly notes that the 10pf ship type has also been surcharged "1d" in addition to the "2d" surcharge previously printed thereon.

Provisional Adhesive.

"1d" on "2d" on 10pf carmine.

MEXICO.—It looks as though the many provisional issues of the so-called Constitutional Government in Mexico were to be replaced by a definite issue. At least, we have received from Hermann Focke, S. B. Hopkins, Howard C.

Hopkins and the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. specimens of a new lithographed set, which was placed on sale in Mexico City on Sept. 15. The stamps are poorly executed, though not displeasing in design. They are of local manufacture, and are printed in sheets of 100 stamps, following the 1910 issue in arrangement of margins, lettering of plates and numbering of sheets. Excessive space is provided between the stamps, which are rouletted all around, with no straight edges. Difficulty is found in separating the stamps, owing the light impression on the roulette, and the stamps tear and stick easily. Evidently it was intended to follow the colors of the 1910 issue, but the shades are widely different. Howard C. Hopkins informs us that in lettering the plates, "A" was left for the 1c value, but that value has not yet been made, and under the present rates of postage, there seems to be little need for it. In addition to the values chronicled below, the 30c, 40c, 1p and 5p values are soon to appear, but have not yet been printed, and we are unable to give the portraits or colors. There seems to be a need for all these values. This issue was necessitated by the exhaustion of the 1910 issue, which has been in use recently with various overprints. The new issue will be in use but three or four months, or until the new issue is received from the American Bank Note Co. in December or January.

The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. informs us that no 20c value was issued, or even ordered, of the Madero set chronicled or illustrated last February. Some of the stamps in that set have been found imperforate.

The latest issue has portraits of various Mexican worthies, and may be taken to foreshadow the main feature of the permanent set now being prepared in New York.

Adhesives.

2c green, Monument of Cuauhtemoc.
3c brown, Ignacio Zaragoza.
4c carmine, Jose Maria Morelos.
5c orange, Francisco I. Madero.
10c ultramarine, Benito Juarez.

We are also indebted to Philip H. Ward, Jr., for information regarding the new Constitutionalist set. Mr. Ward says the stamps are lithographed in sheets of 100 stamps.

W. J. Stanton writes: "I note you list the Villa issue for the Southern District of Lower California as something new. This was mentioned in 'News Gleanings' May 1 issue and again in 'New Issues,' Aug. 21 issue. The entire set was issued, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50c. I have copies of all except the 20 and 50, but a Mexican correspondent writes me that he has them. The handstamped surcharge preceded the Villa Sonora type."

Colima.—A. C. Roessler reports that this state has issued the Mexican 1910 Jubilee low values by overprinting with a rubber stamp in red-violet, "E. C. Transitorio," probably meaning State of Colima. The size of type appears to be 14-point. There is no doubt that these stamps were legitimately used having come on the mail to the large New York commercial credit rating companies. Denominations noted are 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c.

NEW ZEALAND.—A. C. Roessler writes that a special War Tax stamp will be issued. "War Tax" in capitals, with two stars, overprinted on the 1/2d stamp, we gather to be the form of the additional printing.

NYASALAND.—According to Ewen's Weekly the 2d value in the King George set has been issued.

Adhesive.

2d gray.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—C. J. Reese has shown us a cover from South Africa franked by three 1/2d and one 1d stamps. The latter appears to be imperforate vertically, but as the margins are very narrow, this can not be verified. The cover has two Censor rubber stamps as well as a large label, with "Opened by Censor" in English and Dutch.

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Advertising Chat—No. 9.

You will agree with me that last week's paper breathed a spirit of optimism that was contagious. There were bargains galore in our advertising columns—enough to satisfy the most fastidious.

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L. V. Lindsey has a rather interesting exchange proposition that will receive attention. Chas. A. Townsend takes a half column to present his "one cent each" approval selections. Both these dealers will be heard from frequently during this season.

W. W. Walsh, Halifax, N. S., has again taken space in the WEEKLY and will be heard from regularly. Mr. Walsh has a special and popular line which will be made more popular with Mr. Poole's serial story on "The Stamps of Br. No. America" soon to be commenced.

We are pleased to secure a regular in George A. Goubault who has taken 50 lines of adlets and naturally will specialize in Jamaica.

Must cut it short this week!

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—"Congratulations are in order on that ball team of yours up there. Boston has lots of champions, even the champion stamp paper."—W. F. FERGUSON.

—We intended to do *Stamp Trade* a favor in our recent notice of this admirable paper, but the publishers inform us that it is purely a dealers' paper and they do not solicit subscriptions from collectors. We take this opportunity of correcting the false impression that we conveyed to our readers.

—Leon V. Cass, the Stroudsburg, Pa., dealer, informs us that he has been ill for some days but will soon be able to attend to business. In the meantime he begs the indulgence of his patrons.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from L. J. Ragatz, Wm. L. Aldrich & Co., E. H. Robinson, G. F. Hammond, Milton P. Lyons, Jr. (2), Benj. Cadbury, H. F. Rech, Geo. Clothier, Jr., Lewis B. Sebring, Jr., Edward A. Crumb, Ernest Roberts, Jr.

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—W. F. Ferguson, 280 Fourth Ave., N. Y. C., would like name of West New Brighton collector who has ordered some stamps from him.

—"I want to say that my ten line advertisement in the issue of Sept. 25 has brought me more business than a half page in a Western monthly run all summer."—D. G. ALLEN.

—Five Regina, Can., collectors have just applied for admission in the S. P. A., and when admitted mean to apply for recognition as a branch of the S. P. A. The S. P. A. convention was set at Reading to meet in Washington, D. C., Aug. 15, 16, 17, 1916. It is hoped that the A. P. S. convention date will not conflict, for convenience of members of both societies.

STAMPS ARTISTIC—BELGIUM.

By DEREK INGRAM.

"Tongues in trees, books in the running brook, Sermons in stones, and good in everything."

Looking through the album of "Stamps Artistic," we find that pride of place is held by a block of four "V. R." Penny Blacks and a block of 1840 2d Blue, no lines, both pieces being the pick of the Earl of Crawford's collection. Very close run the first issues of Belgium, Sicily, Argentine (Rivadavia), Grenada, Queensland, New Zealand, St. Helena, first Saxony, a few Canadas, Ceylon, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, some U. S. A., Nova Scotia, Brazil, France, etc., all portraits. There is also a fine lot of Cape triangulars and Pacific Steam issues. The Oldenburgs are superb, but not so artistic. A more detailed notice of these classic specimens commences with the beautiful early *taille-douce* stamps of Belgium.

On the first page are mounted the very finest impressions of the printing-plate-proofs of the First and Second Types of Belgium. Here we should like to suggest an improvement, or rather an extension, for there is only one proof of the July, 1849, issue, i. e., the 10 centimes, black on yellow paper, whereas, by diligent searching, our collector might procure one of the same value in red-brown on yellowish-white card or on thick or thin paper, while proofs in *violet-brown* on pelure paper are known. There is no proof of the 20c, First Type, in this album, which is an omission which should be remedied, although it is recompensed by one of the Second Type, in the same lovely blue, and by proofs of the 10c and 40c of this issue in red, red-brown and violet-brown.

In the case of the actual stamps of Belgium our collector, following out his colour scheme, has mounted his first and second types in the following manner, which, having some acquaintance, as we have, with the wide field of study in regard to the retouches of the medallion types, prejudices us somewhat against the exclusion of these varieties:

1st July, 1849. Wmk. L. L. in frame. Engraved by J. Wiener.

10c	10c
brown	grey-brown
10c	10c
grey-brown	Second Type (1850)
10c	10c
brown	20c
20c	20c
deep blue	10c
10c	deep blue
red-brown	

The solitary example of the Second Type on the page outlined above should, in our humble opinion, be removed to the next page and its place taken by another shade of the 10 centimes of July, 1849.

The page representative of the issue of April, 1861, is mounted in the following style:—

1851. Wmk L. L. No frame.			
20c	10c	40c	20c
blue	grey-brown	vermillion	deep blue
	1c		
	green		
1c			1c
green			green
	1c		
	green		
	10c	(pair)	
	brown	brown	
10c	20c	10c	
brown	blue	brown	

The same issue, including the 40 centimes, is continued on the next page of the album. No notice is taken of the varying sizes of the medallion, due to the expansion of the paper, and the 1 centime is mounted before the other values, although issued after those stamps.

Subsequent pages of the collection are mounted on the above principle, the Belgian examples, of which several are in mint pairs, terminating with the issue of April, 1863.

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mens present a fascinating feast of colour and engraver's art, we are inclined to criticise the classification purely on colour lines only, and doubtless any specialist who glories in retouches, re-entries, double impressions, and other varieties, will be of the same opinion, whether in respect of Belgium or any other country whose philatelic interest cannot be confined by a colour scheme. It must be remembered, however, that the collector whose work we are now considering in detail has his own ideals, summarised in the title of the album, "Stamps Artistic," which might profitably be emulated by a goodly number of philatelists whose outlook is so narrow that they can only see through perforation holes.

Reference has already been made to this class, however, and, reverting to the colour scheme question, we do not see why our idealist, if he is going to be guided solely by the shades of blue, brown, red and green, should not include Colour Trials, in which there are some lovely impressions. The 20 centimes (medallion type), for instance, was printed in trial colours of blue, carmine, deep red, yellow, orange, yellow-green, violet and black.

Possibly we shall have something to say on the general question of colours when we have gone through our detailed notice of the collection, with which we will now continue by reference to the stamps of France.

The proofs of the First Type are handsome representatives of early stamp engraving. They have a decided "burr" and while they must of necessity find place in a specialised collection of the stamps of Belgium, they are also a useful feature in this volume of "Stamps Ar-

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EGYPT—A HISTORY OF ITS STAMPS.

By R. E. R. DALWICK.

Postmarks of Interest.

The postmarks of Egypt form a very interesting study, but a volume of large size could only adequately deal with the subject *in extenso*. The observations and remarks made here will only deal with what we term "Postmarks of interest," that is to say postmarks found on Egyptian stamps used abroad, i. e. out of Egypt; and, secondly, Egyptian postmarks found on the stamps of foreign powers.

As is well known, several European countries had post-offices in Egypt at the time the viceregal post was established. The specialist is fully alive to the study of postmarks, as they are often a means by which research work can be aided, especially in determining the approximate date of issue.

No collection of Egypt—however complete in actual stamps—can be called complete without a section devoted to

Smyrna	Opened 1870	Closed 1879
Mytilene	"	"
Salonica	"	"
Tripoli	"	"
Mersina	"	"
Scio	"	"
Gallipoli	"	"
Dardanelles	"	"
Volo	"	"
Jaffa	"	"

The Egyptian stamps used at above were, of course, unsurcharged and can only be recognized by the cancellations. All these offices were suppressed by the instigation of the British Government. Constantinople and Smyrna are the two commonest postmarks, most of the others being very hard to find. The names of the towns on the cancellations are in Turkish, but in every case they much resemble the English.

The following are examples of some of the foreign postmarks.



NOTE. V. R.=Vice Reali.

postmarks of interest, as these are the items which tend to give the collection a finishing touch.

I. EGYPTIANS USED ABROAD.

First let us take the foreign postmarks found on Egyptian stamps. About 90% of the stamps bearing foreign cancellations belong to the third issue, the remaining 10% comprising stamps of all the other issues up to 1879. There seem to be no records of dates when Egyptian stamps were first used abroad, so circumstantial evidence must be employed. From specimens seen and the evidence of certain specialists it would appear that 1866 was the year of origin. There were in all twelve Consular Offices in the Levant which used Egyptian stamps.

The following are the twelve offices: Constantinople Opened 1886 Closed 1879 Beyrout

II. EUROPEAN CONSULAR OFFICES IN EGYPT.

We abridge the following interesting description from *Le Timbre-Post* of 1866: "By the operation of old treaties, each Consulate in Egypt has become possessed of peculiar powers. Each one has the right to establish and maintain a post-office, and private societies have gained equal privileges; thus it happens that several offices are in existence beside the viceregal one. This latter is under the excellent management of the Chevalier Muzzi Bey, ex-chief of a European post, and first founder of the regular administration in Egypt. The following are the posts of other countries: 1.—*The French Post*. 2.—*The English Post*. 3.—*The Italian Post*. 4.—*The Austrian Post*. 5.—*The Russian Post*. 6.—*The Grecian Post*. Each of

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SUEZ. There is not much to be said about Suez, as the cancellation B02 is similar in effect to the B01 already illustrated. There is, however, one slight variation: in the B01 postmark it will be noticed that there are two lines (vertical) on each side of B01, whilst the Suez cancellation possess only one vertical line on each side, as a rule.

The date stamp we illustrate below:



The stamps used at Suez were the same as at Alexandria, with the addition of the 8d (plate 1).

Stamps are occasionally seen postmarked Port Said, but generally this cancellation is on the envelopes alone. Letters posted at Cairo were forwarded to Alexandria, where the stamps were affixed. The Port Said postmark was on letters posted from British ships.

3. The Italian Post.

Cancellation
 Offices at. No. Established. Closed.
 Alexandria 234 1873(?) 1883 (Dec.)
 [Alessandria]

The postmark of the Italian office was of the duplex type, consisting of a serial number surrounded by diagonal lines, and a circle enclosing the name of town and date. The Italian service was in a very direct communication with Europe via Brindisi and Ancona. Ordinary Italian stamps were used (1863-67) prior to 1874—after that date the ESTERO (foreign) series were employed.

4. The Austrian Post.

Offices at. Cancellations. Establ'd. Closed.
 Alexandria Alexandrien 1845 1889
 Port Said — 1869 (?)

The Austrian service was in the hands of the Austrian Lloyds, extending on the one hand to Corfu and Trieste, and on the other to Syria and Constantinople direct.

The stamps used at Alexandria were those of Lombardo-Venetia and not Austria proper.

The cancellations appear to have been numerous, they are, however, always recognisable as they all bear the name Alexandrien and are not represented by a foreign office number (as Great Britain

or France). All the cancellations we have seen consist of a circle with "Alexandrien" along the top half. The size of the circle varies for different cancellations from 27 mm. to 20 mm. [diameter].

NOTE. The above illustration of the "small type" postmark is incomplete as the lower inscriptions are indecipherable on the specimens we have seen.

Another cancellation to be met with is of a rather large size (about 25 mm.) and is struck in blue-green.

Austrians used at Port Said are extremely scarce.

5. The Russian Post.

Offices at. Established. Closed.
 Alexandria 1856 about 1876(?)

The Russian office was connected with Russia by *The Russian General Steam Navigation Company*, and with Syria by *The Russian Levant Steamship Company*.

The ordinary current Russian stamps were in use, except on letters bound for Syria upon which stamps of *The Russian Levant Steamship Co.* were used. The latter thus used are of considerable rarity.

6. The Greek Post.

Offices at. Established. Closed.
 Alexandria 1834 1881 (Dec. 31)

The Greek stamps found with this cancellation are those bearing the head of Mercury (first type).

There appear to have been three or four different cancellations used during the life of this office, the differences being slight. In one cancellation there was a double lined circle containing name of town at top, country of origin at bottom and the date (plus the serial number 97) in the centre. Another postmark used consists of only a single lined circle, otherwise the same with the exception that "97" is omitted.

Prior to issuing her own stamps in 1861, the Greek mails from Egypt were impressed with a large circular frank, which is of extreme rarity.

Belgium had a Post at Alexandria for a short period during the early sixties, it was closed when the service between Alexandria and Antwerp was suspended. Belgian stamps used in Egypt are very rare.

Spain intended to open an office at Alexandria in the sixties, but the intention apparently fell through. A contemporary magazine [1866] announced that "a Spanish office will shortly be opened."

We quote below an extract of interest from an article by Mr. D. B. Armstrong in *The Stamp Lover* Vol. II.

"This country [Egypt] also presents one or two interesting possibilities as regards extra territorial postmarks. For instance, it seems reasonable to suppose that the Egyptian Government maintained a postal system of sorts in the Soudan and Equatorial Provinces previous to the Mahdist Rising of 1884. Khartoum and towns even further south, were, we know, in telegraphic communication with Cairo, and it therefore strikes one as being highly probable that the less modern, though equally serviceable letter post was also in operation in those regions at that period. Egyptian postage stamps of the issue prior to 1884



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2c	.03	1d	.06	1d	.02
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3d white back	.35	1c	.02	30pa	.03
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138 Norway	.01	*140, 141, Urug., ea.	.02	43 on 57 Hawaii, ea.	.03
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with the postmarks of Soudanese towns would, doubtless, be much prized by Soudanese specialists [also Egyptian] if obtainable.

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All the various postmarks described have a special value of their own, and the specialist has a good chance of picking them up at ordinary rates if he keeps his eyes open. Ordinary Egyptian town and district cancellations are legion—especially on the later issues, whilst (in most cases) they are of no special interest.

Before concluding our remarks upon "Postmarks of interest," it may be well to give a short survey of the postmarks used during "The Egyptian campaign."

The following notes are culled from Messrs. Bernstein & Nissen's article in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* (Vol. VIII).

It is not necessary from a philatelic point of view to go into lengthy details of the riots and massacres at Alexandria and Cairo which eventually led up to the British Expedition. The riots were under one Arabi, who after causing many disturbances fortified himself at Alexandria (1882), where he was soon put to flight by the British fleet. In the meantime the Khedive had been ousted from his position, so accordingly a British force under Lord Wolseley was landed to put a final end to all the unrest of the country. Arabi was routed at Tel-el-Kebir and shortly afterwards taken prisoner. The country was then in complete order, so only 7000 men were left to help reorganise the Egyptian Army. In Nov. 1883, the Egyptian army under Hicks Pasha was practically annihilated by the Mahdi in the Sudan; a catastrophe which again necessitated British intervention.

With regard to the establishment of the "Field Post Office," Messrs. Bernstein & Nissen say: "The actual date of the establishment of the Post office can be definitely fixed as occurring in the last week of August, 1882. . . we have definite information that the Army Post office was organized and sent with General Wolseley's expedition, which arrived on the 16th August and finished disembarking the 31,500 men by the 20th."

"At the suggestion of the officer in command of the Post Office Volunteers one hundred non-commissioned officers and men were enlisted as soldiers in the regular army under certain conditions as to pay and reinstatements in their old positions at the Post Office, one-half being detailed for active service and the other forming a first-class army reserve."

Major Sturgeon was Army Postmaster-General, and under his immediate orders were the active service corps. Posts were established at all the positions held (or taken up) by the British force, where mails passed through, and money orders, etc., could be received or despatched.

For the first week the current British 1d stamp was used, defaced with the letter E written across it in red ink, whilst a penmark served as the mark of cancellation. Later the penmark cancellation was superseded by a lozenge shaped postmark of local origin.

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In 1884, Major Sturgeon led an expedition to Suakim and established Army offices at Suakim, Handoub, etc., the same circular postmark being employed.

As these Army postmarks were only used for some six months, it goes without saying they are all rare.

The following are the stamps which were used during the two expeditions:

1882 (August) 1d lilac
2 1/2d blue plates 22 and 23.

1884 (March) 2 1/2d lilac
(To be continued.)

THE TOGO 3d W. B. ADVTS.

We feel compelled to give publicity to the following communication, not that the firms in question advertised this stamp with any intent to deceive but in order to impress upon all dealers the need of care in preparing their advertising copy. We quote:

"In your issue of October 16; the advertisements of two New York dealers offered the 3d Togo on Gold Coast white back. I ordered from both, and this morning have received the following:

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Economist Stamp Co.—"Your favor received. Owing to a printer's mistake the 3p Togo schgd. on Gold Coast should have read yellow back instead of white back, and therefore refund your remittance, regretting we cannot fill your order with the white back."

Of course, the explanation of a printer's mistake is satisfactory, but if the first company sells stamps only in sets, why does it not say so in its advertising, and why does it price each stamp singly? Do you not regard advertising such as this misleading, and do you not realize that when such a stamp is offered at such a price hundreds of your readers are going to waste time, not to say postage, in sending for it?

I am not writing from any sense of surprise or of disappointment. I would have been surprised if I had obtained the stamp from either dealer. My purpose in writing is merely to suggest that offering stamps priced singly and then informing those who order that they have none "outside of sets," is a practice which should receive your condemnation, along with your other commendable efforts to improve the standard of philatelic advertising. I simply offer the suggestion for such consideration as you may see fit to give it, trusting that you will consider it in the helpful spirit in which it is offered."

We feel that the criticism of our correspondent is justified. Where a firm advertises sets of stamps with the stamps priced singly orders should be filled so long as the supply lasts. We have yet to learn that the firm has any of this stamp to send out even with orders for full sets.

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EDITORIAL.

Rushing—This issue of the WEEKLY shows how sturdily the season, but recently opened, has progressed. Tangible evidence is presented to prove that philately is flourishing to an extent that over-matches the most sanguine expectations; and surely collectors in our country may deem themselves fortunate in not witnessing the slightest demoralization of their hobby. Too, it must be said that the appearance of the new edition of the catalogue gives an impetus to philatelic interests and activities and thus far the season, it may be remarked, has not had the adventitious aid of the catalogue. It may be added here that the new edition of the catalogue may be expected at any time.

Remember—A letter has been received from Dr. Arthur F. Twogood, Memphis, Tenn., that takes us back over twenty years when the Autaugaville, Alabama, Confederate impressions were the subject of no little speculation. Dr. Twogood says: "Among some old letters of my uncle, I found some correspondence between the son of the former postmaster of Autaugaville, Ala., in 1861, and my uncle. These letters were written in 1893 and my uncle was trying to purchase the dies or hand stamp of the Confederate provisional Autaugaville, Paid 5 and Paid 10. Enclosed in the envelope were reprints of all the Paid 5 and Paid 10 on a blotter, perfect copies, although only the Paid 5 is catalogued now. The son of Mr. McNeel, the postmaster who issued the stamps, tells of the stamps in an interesting way and the reprints he sent to my uncle as samples." We remember when the Autaugaville local envelopes were brought into prominence and we have the reprints that are spoken of, from the old hand stamp die in purple color on yellow blotters. Some time afterwards the cataloguers accepted the five cent envelopes but the ten cent were barred for reasons that were considered satisfactory no doubt. It was in an auction sale of Mr.

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P. M. Wolsieffer that Autaugaville locals were first sold and his catalogue descriptions told of the discovery of the envelopes.

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Odd—The one cent postal savings stamped envelope has been "converted" into a penalty envelope, without the bars over the stamp, after the manner of the two cent envelope. "Bushire under British Occupation" in three lines has been surcharged on the 5 and 24c, respectively, 1913-14 issue of Persia. On the 5, it is said 257 printings were made and on the 24c, an even 200 impressions.

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He Knows—From Doctor I. Thurman Mann, High Point, North Carolina, we have received an interesting account of the postmark, "U. S. Sea Post, Porto Rico," which we know will be followed closely by those of our readers who are interested in "extra-territorial" markings. Dr. Mann writes: "During October, 1914, I took a trip as ship surgeon on board the U. S. M. S. Zulia of the Red D Line to Porto Rico, Venezuela and Curacao, touching at Mayaguez, Porto Rico; La Guaira, Venezuela; and Curacao, and back by Mayaguez to New York. I mailed several postals at La Guaira, half of which never reached their destination. However, I have seen some of them postmarked from this same place. I also mailed some from Curacao, which arrived postmarked all right and a few that I had written and stamped in Curacao I handed to the mail clerk at Mayaguez and they arrived postmarked, U. S. Sea Post, Porto Rico; also, two letters. The Red D line of boats are the only vessels sailing from this country to Venezuela, regularly. A postal clerk goes down on one boat to Mayaguez, crosses the island and comes back from San Juan to New York, making the trip in about two weeks. Half of these boats put in at Mayaguez and half at San Juan. There are other lines, of course, that carry mail and a mail clerk. When the clerk boards the boat at Porto Rico, he spends the six days from there to New York in going through the mail on board, separating it and thus facilitating its forwarding from the New York office. Recently, I received a stamped envelope that I sent the purser aboard the Zulia for a reply, which he mailed on board; and the envelope is postmarked: U. S. Sea Post, Sep. 4, Porto Rico." In a drawing of the envelopes just described, the obliteration takes the form of one of our standard canceling machines.

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Postal Reform Memorial—The following explanation is taken from a letter that came from Mr. C. W. Woodson, Rustburg, Virginia: "Enclosed I send

you a petition dated 1848 which seems to have been referred to Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. This petition deals with reduction of postage. It was found in the papers of Wm. L. Goggin, who at that time was a congressman from Virginia and chairman of, or a member of, Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. I have a number of his papers dealing with the question of postage and am sending this as an interesting item; and the fact that it contains the signatures of men such as Horace Greeley and others should make the paper valuable." On the back of the petition is the endorsement: "Memorial of B. Bates and others, citizens of the U. S. in favor of the reduction of the present rates of postage on letters and newspapers and the free delivery of letters and newspapers, in the principal cities. May 10, 1848: Referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads." The petition is addressed to: "The Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled" and is dated Washington, April 20th, 1848. As our correspondent says, the names of Horace Greeley and other prominent men of that time are subscribed to the instrument which well repays reading. The petition covers both sides of three sheets of fool's-cap paper, however, and at present, we may only summarize its statements. After a hope is expressed that the "usefulness and prosperity" of the Post Office Department may be increased to the extent that its service will defy "all competition," it is suggested that this end be accomplished by a reduction in postage rates. It is argued that a reduction of the kind is always followed by a volume of augmented business that turns a deficit into a profit. It is alleged that the millions of letters carried by "private conveyances" would be entrusted to the U. S. Mails if the exorbitant rates were reduced. Free delivery of letters by carriers was recommended in cities of over twenty thousand population and reforms in the rates charged newspapers and periodicals were urged.

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THE SECOND ISSUE.

In 1896 it was considered desirable that the name of the colony should be overprinted on the stamps as well as the new currency and a number of essays were prepared before it was decided which was the most suitable way of applying the surcharge. Mr. Reichenheim describes the various essays as follows:

1. Vertically surcharged on the left side DEUTSCH reading upwards, on the right side OSTAFRICA reading downwards, and currency as in the first issue.
2. DEUTSCH—OSTAFRICA in two lines horizontally above the currency.
3. DEUTSCH—OSTAFRICA curved above the currency.
4. DEUTSCH—OSTAFRICA in diamond type in one line horizontally above the currency.
5. Surcharged in black diagonally from the left lower corner to the right upper corner in three lines, the first one showing the numerals, the second one the words DEUTSCH—OSTAFRICA, and the third one the word PESA.

The latter was the type finally decided on and the new stamps were issued in April, 1896. The 3pf and 20pf values of this series are each known in two distinct shades. The yellow brown shade of the 3pf is the scarcest of all the early stamps for this colony.

Reference List.

1896. German stamps of 1889 surcharged with name and new values.
6. 2 pesa on 3pf brown, Scott's No. 6.
 7. 3 pesa on 5pf green, Scott's No. 7.
 8. 5 pesa on 10pf rose, Scott's No. 8.
 9. 10 pesa on 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 9.
 10. 25 pesa on 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 10.

THE THIRD ISSUE.

In 1900 the regular colonial "ship" design was issued for German East Africa in the same types and colors as those already described for the Cameroons and Caroline Islands.

Reference List.

1900. No wmk. Perf. 14.
11. 2 pesa brown, Scott's No. 11.
 12. 3 pesa green, Scott's No. 12.
 13. 5 pesa carmine, Scott's No. 13.
 14. 10 pesa ultramarine, Scott's No. 14.
 15. 15 pesa black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 15.
 16. 20 pesa black and carmine, Scott's No. 16.
 17. 25 pesa black and purple, Scott's No. 17.
 18. 40 pesa black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 18.
 19. 1 rupie claret, Scott's No. 19.
 20. 2 rupien green, Scott's No. 20.
 21. 3 rupien black and red, Scott's No. 21.

THE FOURTH ISSUE.

In 1905, the metrical system was adopted for the currency of this colony and the rupie was divided into 100 hel-

lers instead of 64 pesa as before. This necessitated a new issue for the values below 1 rupie, though the same conventional design was retained. The new stamps were placed on sale in March.

Reference List.

1905. Change of currency. Perf. 14.
22. 2 1/2 heller brown, Scott's No. 22.
 23. 4 heller green, Scott's No. 23.
 24. 7 1/2 heller carmine, Scott's No. 24.
 25. 15 heller ultramarine, Scott's No. 25.
 26. 20 heller black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 26.
 27. 30 heller black and carmine, Scott's No. 27.
 28. 45 heller black and purple, Scott's No. 28.
 29. 60 heller black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 29.

THE FIFTH ISSUE.

In 1906, the paper watermarked lozenges, which had been introduced in Germany in the previous year, began to appear for the stamps of German East Africa. The 2 1/2 hellers value on this paper was issued in April, 1906, to be followed in June by the 4, 7 1/2 and 60 hellers. In 1907, two more values appeared—the 15h in February and the 45h in March. In October, 1908, the 3 rupien was issued on watermarked paper and in June, 1909, the 30h was issued. It was not until two years later (1911) that the 20h was placed on sale and since then no others have appeared.

Reference List.

- 1906-11. Watermarked lozenges. Perf. 14.
30. 2 1/2 hellers brown, Scott's No. 31.
 31. 4 hellers green, Scott's No. 32.
 32. 7 1/2 hellers carmine, Scott's No. 33.
 33. 15 hellers ultramarine, Scott's No. 34.
 34. 20 hellers black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 35.
 35. 30 hellers black and carmine, Scott's No. 36.
 36. 45 hellers black and purple, Scott's No. 37.
 37. 60 hellers black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 38.
 38. 3 rupien black and red, Scott's No. 41.

AN UNAUTHORISED ISSUE.

In 1893, the philatelic journals chronicled a set of curious looking labels of the facial value of 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents and 1 peso, printed in different colors and perforated 11 1/2 which were presumed to be a local issue for German East Africa. The design consists of a large numeral in white on a solid disc of color with "AFRIKANISCHE—SEEN—POST" in a curved horseshoe shaped label above the space between the disc and inscribed band containing a small view of palm trees and foliage. On a straight label at top is "SCHULKE & MAYR's", and curved at the base is "unter Contract mit dem Kaiserl. Gouvernement in—DEUTSCH-OST-AFRICA" in two lines. These were stated to have been circulated by a private company who had a contract in 1892 for conveying mails between the German post on the east coast and Victoria

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Duessalem 30th Sept., 1893.

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In reply to your request for information, dated 25th August of this year, I have to inform you that the Imperial Government made a contract with the firm of Schulke and Mayr with reference to postal communication with the Victoria Nyanza. At the expiration of a year this contract was not renewed. This firm also requested of the Post-office Department of the Empire permission to introduce stamps, but the request was refused.

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THE THREE CENT FIFTY-ONE.

She had been asked to join some friends at the Movies, but being the wise wife, she did not accept before consulting her "lord," remembering that even Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Du Barry," might have no charms when compared to the ever increasing varieties of the three-cent fifty-one. She was right; he came home full, I mean of stamps, of course, and could not wait for dinner to be served before starting to sort some lucky "buys" he had made that day.

Dinner was called and friend wife took her place unassisted. His lordship heeded not the pangs of hunger nor the plaintive calls of his wife. He had found a cracked plate of the three cent fifty-one, which on closer examination proved to have a green cancellation, and his enthusiasm knew no bounds.

"Dear, your coffee is growing cold!" she suggested—you note I say, suggested.

"What care I for coffee," quoth he, "when I am holding a three dollar stamp in my plucky tongs?" So after ten minutes of patient waiting, she finally served herself, and to her credit, gave him a pleasant smile when at last he came to earth and remembered that the animal must be fed.

After he had taken a few mouthfuls she started, in a gentle way to introduce the subject of "Du Barry". He replied, "Yes, yes, surely—but, dear, did you ever see such a wonderful color? and note the clearness of impression!" the stamp mentioned being at that moment next to his salad fork for closer inspection.

Again she tried—"We haven't been to the movies for a perfect age and this is an especially fine program tonight!"

He—"I, I know, dear, we'll go some night this week—let me see—tomorrow night I must work on the plating of my New Yorks, the next night is a stamp auction, which I can't fail to attend, Friday night is A. P. S. meeting, but perhaps we can go Saturday night if I don't have to see Mr. Besern on some business."

She sighed and tried to smile and the smile became quite fixed as she listened to his plan for her evening's pleasure.

"Now, dear, I know you are anxious to help me, so just bring your stamp tongs, draw up your chair and help me sort this batch of stamps for cancellations. I imagine we can go through several thousand this evening if you work steadily—there's a good girl!"

Then she raised her eyes and looked at him, saw the boyish enthusiasm which had always made him successful in anything he undertook, love included, and she thought, "Well, isn't it ripping, anyway to have him want to stay home so much and what would I do without his stamp boxes and books and magnifying glasses and onion-skin stickers littering up the house? It wouldn't be home without them!" and she uttered a prayer—"God bless Philately." Then resolutely picking up her tongs she set to work.

J. E. M.

A PHILATELIC TIP.

(Frank M. Mason sends us the clipping republished below and we quote from his letter the following relative to the same: "This clipping is from the *South Essex Quarterly Philatelic Advertiser-Circular*, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, Eng. It is something that I have had in mind for a long time. I had thought of having a rubber stamp and placing the request on my letters. I have a J. W. Scott album for single stamp with plate numbers and have saved a great many unused. Some numbers never come one's way, and if friends would put them on letters many might be added to a collection. Used in my case would be as good as unused."—EDITOR'S NOTE.)

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PENNSYLVANIA'S TAX STAMPS.

Contract for 45,000,000 Placed With Philadelphia Firm.

HARRISBURG, PA., Oct. 28.—Pennsylvania's first order for stamps for the new State stock transfer tax, which will become effective with the new year, will aggregate 45,000,000 stamps. The contract has just been placed with a Philadelphia engraving firm by A. Nevin Pomeroy, state superintendent of public printing and binding, and the first lot of the stamps will be delivered in time for distribution.

The stamps will come in nine denominations, the lowest two cents and the highest \$20. Two cents tax is placed on each value of \$100 of securities transferred. The stamps will be of different colors and will be sold through the auditor general's department.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Harry F. Rech, S. D. Blake, Malcolm M. Ganser, Paul Dillingham and C. M. Breder.

—The album and mixed stamps sent us by Wendover Neefus have all been distributed to worthy shut-ins. One or two applications were received too late to be filled.

—Eugene Klein of Philadelphia was in Boston last Tuesday, exhibiting the contents of his 11th auction sale.

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—Fred T. Norris announces that he is in receipt of a registered cover containing Canadian stamps of the following issues:—3c, 1869-73; 1c and 2c, 1897 Jubilee Issue and 2c, 1899. This answers a question recently raised in the WEEKLY as to whether the Jubilee Issue has been demonetized. The cover bears the postmark, "Montreal, October 15, 1915."

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THE NEW MEXICANS.

By HOWARD C. HOPKINS.

The 1c of the new issue of Mexico has appeared. The following are the quantities printed:

1c, 1,000,000; 2c, 2,000,000; 3c, 2,000,000; 4c, 4,000,000; 5c, 2,000,000; 10c, 6,000,000.

These will probably last until the new engraved stamps are ready. These are not being made in New York, as I previously reported, but here in the government printing office. I have seen a copy of the 40c,—it will be issued in a few days. It is in commemorative size; appeared, by artificial light, to be a pearl grey, bears the map of Mexico and is a very handsome stamp. They are preparing the plates for the lower values and also the 30c, 1p and 5p as rapidly as possible.

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THE CARELESSNESS OF WILLY GROW.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

"Whenever you see a four-eyed man, specially the kind that anchors the binacles back o' the ears, do your thinkin' first," said Jimmy O., oracularly, as he swung lazily in the hammock.

Jimmy's quizzically twisted smile meant another of his varied experiences, so I just held my tongue and waited.

"One a minute, I've had 'em—experiences," declared Jimmy, as he dug his boot-toe into the dust, and set the hammock swinging. Then he began to laugh until I feared hysteria.

"Reminds me o' the time I was punchin' cattle upon Wild Rye—Lazy S rancho. We had fer neighbor the meanest man the East ever turned loose, I reckon. And crooked—well, he couldn't turn a corner square. But he got his, good an' plenty—\$700 it cost him, too."

Jimmy felt in his shirt for his cigarette papers and his package of tobacco. They were missing. Then he laughed some more.

"Gee! that Mex. I lent the makin's to give me the cigarette an' kept the outfit!" Jimmy chortled at the trick which he had played so many times himself upon fellow cowboys.

"You see," resumed Jimmy, "this fellow—Old Crabapple we called him—had a buckskin outlaw that he'd made a standing offer of \$100 to any man who'd ride him."

"Not for Jimmy—that blamed outlaw near bit my laig off once, an' then sat on my stummick for near twenty minutes—maybe ten—deliberatin'."

I laughed. Jimmy looked aggrieved. But he soon beamed again, and went on:

"One day, when we were all in the bunk-house, playin' solitaire or casino or old maid or somethin'—pay day being some remote—a man rode up on that same outlaw. Say, we fair fought to get into the clear to look him over. His saddle was cowboy, but some bob-tail; bridle, some silver; bit, more silver; and spurs—say, they was \$90 worth o' silver and work on 'em—an' rowels big as dollars an' wicked as a squaw full o' tizwiz. But he didn't wear the spurs. They was tied on his saddle. I couldn't figger out his make-up—not me."

"Then I looked the man over some more careless-like. Overall, new; boots, medium; shirt, new; vest, old; gun in scabbard, old, wood-handle Colt's .45; belt, full o' cartridges; and the gun—tied-down."

"This wasn't any tender-foot—not with a tied-down gun. Right there I began to study him out. He wore steel-bow spectacles, glasses thick an' round as a dollar Mex., and he had the sweetest baby-like smile you ever see. Say, honest, I was fair scared o' that man's smile. He was too dern soft an' easy lookin' with that smile, an' too dern hard-as-nails lookin', an' that tied-down gun was more eloquent than a super-dreadnaught."

"Now they's a fool in every cow-camp. We had more'n our share—me an' Eddy Fyne. I was some slower 'n Eddy that time, 'count o' doin' the lookin'-over first."

"'Alight, stranger, an' anchor your cayuse,' says Eddy, genial-like."

"When I see that man swing off'n that horse, I hiked into the bunk-house an' thought hard. I couldn't just place him, but anyway I was mighty glad I'd done my thinkin' first."

"I'd like to get on, here, if you please," says the man, gentle-like, to Eddy.

"Me—I butted in quick: 'Sure! See the foreman.' Then I walked him over to the boss, an' he was took on."

"Nex' day I sure seen some ridin' o' that outlaw—plum gentle he was, too. An' that new cow-hand—say! when I see him drop a rope on that loco steer it all come back quick. Willy Grow! Late o' Wild Bill's Wild West, where he was some with the rope. Me—I was with that outfit one consecutive night when ole Unc' Billy Barr an' I mixed with the outfit fer fun, an' then beat it out o' town, not drawin' any pay. Too much like a circus fer me—them idiots applaudin' when Unc' Billy's saddle turned an' the bronchos near tromped him."

"As I was sayin', Willy was some puncher. He stayed with us till the end of the round-up. Then, when he drew his pay, we explained how ole' Crabapple had offered \$100 to any man who'd ride that cayuse. Seven of us fixed it up. Funny thing about that outlaw. Willy'd go up to him an' fuzzle his ears with some kind of eeny, meeny, miny, moo gibberish an' tell 'im to be good an' he'd be good. Then anyone could ride 'im."

"Well, as I was sayin' when you interrupted me, one likely mornin' we saddles up an' goes over to ole' Crabapple's."

"'Mornin'," says he, some polite an' gentle, lookin' at our guns, for we'd tied 'em all down. Me—I had two, an' Eddy had swiped cook's knife. Would a swiped another, only cooky yelled like you was stealin' candy."

"'Mornin'," says Willy, sweet an' soft. Say, ole' Crab was mad inside, fer he knew we meant some devilment. But he sure was polite as buckwheat cakes."

"We hear tell you've offered a premium fer any one who'll ride this here cayuse I paid you forty for," says Willy, cheerful-like."

"Not now," says Crabapple. "You've broke him."

"All right," says Willy. "Bet you \$100 you can't stay with him ten minutes."

"Ole Crab swells up some at that, an' goes to it. Willy fuzzles the outlaw's ears, first, me feelin' some mad at him, fer I sure wanted ole Crab to enjoy the run he'd get fer his money."

"Now ole Crab could ride, an' fer nine minutes it was easy."

"Then he made a fatal error."

"I get the \$100,—what?" says he.

"Willy just grinned. The minute old outlaw heard that voice, he cut loose. With ten seconds to go he sure eats up ole Crab. I've seen 'em shook up some, but this scared me. The last pitch, an' Crab hit the ground in a heap—five seconds too soon to win the century."

"Crab was madder'n all get out."

"No man can stay with 'im," he yells. "I'll bet you \$100 a piece."

"You're on," says Willy, that quick."

"Me—I was first. Tell you what, I most prayed. I sure wanted to lose that \$100 right fast. Thought it was my last day this side o'—er—heaven."

Jimmy doubled up with mirth.

"Ole outlaw was plum' gentle my twelve minutes. They was seven of us. Twelve minutes a-piece strung it out some. Ole Crab yells fraud, but Willy looks hard an' reaches fer his gun."

"No checks go," says Willy, "Cash down, and we get it in gold."

"Now ole Crab had sold his steers the day before, an' Willy timed it right. So Crab pays over the \$700, and never yells no more."

"An' what do you think Willy done with his? The bloomin' idiot goes down to the river and threw them five twenty-dollar gold pieces in, one at a time, just like a kid, watchin' 'em skip, me standin' by with my mouth open."

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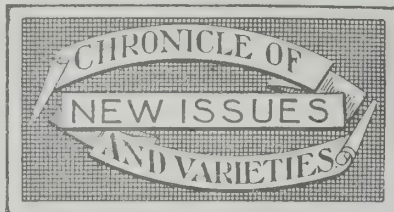
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BELGIUM—Stamp Collecting illustrates the 50c and 10fr values of the new general issue for Belgium which is now in course of preparation, having been shown proof impressions from the dies. Some departures are being made from the scheme as originally forecasted. The 50c for instance, is in the design at first intended for the 1fr stamp, commemorating the most important Belgian economic event—the freeing of the Scheldt in 1862. The 10fr portrays the three sovereigns who have ruled over Belgium's destinies from the foundation of the Kingdom until the present day, with the added French and Flemish equivalent to the words "Union is Strength."

The 50c proof is in green and the 10fr in Indian red. Although it has already been stated that the issue will only take place when the Germans have been driven out of the land of King Albert, it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the authorities will not necessarily wait until the accomplishment of that act, but that the new stamps may make their appearance shortly. The set will be a long one (1c to 10frs) and will include a 15c stamp.

BRITISH COLONIES—Ewen's Weekly notes the issue of the following stamps on paper colored through, which have recently been printed on "white backs":

Ceylon—5r on green.
Fiji Islands—3d on lemon, 4d on yellow.
Grenada—3d on deep yellow.
Nigeria—3d, 4d, and 5sh on yellow; 1sh and 10sh on green.

BUSHIRE—This Persian town is to have a place in the Catalogue, as 13 values of the Persian stamps of 1911-13 have been overprinted "Bushire—Under British—Occupation," in three lines, according to the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

CANADA—G. Hemond sends us an officially sealed stamp issued in the Dominion about a year ago, but not previously chronicled. The design resembles that of 1879, but the "Officially Sealed" is longer, and the inscriptions, "Post Office Canada—Bureau des Rebut" above and "Dead Letter Office" below are respectively above and below the rays. A large maple leaf is placed in each of the four corners. The stamps are printed on white paper and perforated 12.

Officially Sealed Adhesive.

No value, black brown.

CHILE—Robert J. Wagner sends something new from Chile, the 2c scarlet of 1911 having been issued in lithographed form. There is a general coarsening of all features of the design, while the colorless letters and figures, especially the figures of value, are noticeably larger. The background around the head is of horizontal instead of crossed lines.

Adhesive.

Lithographed from design of 1911.
2c scarlet.

JAMAICA—Ewen's Weekly notes that the 1sh King George stamp has been found with the portrait in purple instead of black. Only one sheet was printed thus as far as known and this was evidently sold in the regular order of business, as only a few used copies have been found.

Adhesive.

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MEXICO—Hermann Focke has shown us the missing 1c value in the new lithographed set the design being the same as the other values chronicled last week. All have "Correos Mexico" in a curved line at the top, with a minute eagle between the words. This is supported on pillars, with Aztec capitals, and resting on bases containing the figures of value in the lower corners. The value in words runs across between these bases. Portraits, pictures, etc., are contained in a circle framed at the bottom in oak and laurel (?) leaves. The 1c value shows the Arms of Mexico as a vignette.

Adhesive.

1c violet blue.

Mr. Focke also shows us a private charity stamp, a large horizontal oblong, with "Pour les Allies—Victims de la Guerre" in two lines at the top, the second being curved downward. In the lower left is "5" very large and "Centavos" small, and opposite "Mexico 1915". Between these in a different color is a representation of a mother and her children. This description gives but an imperfect idea of the stamp, which is neat and attractive, and one of the prettiest of special war issues that have come to hand.

We have been shown by W. E. Dowser an interesting variety of the 5c G. C. M. Villa issue. The monogram is of the upright type and is overprinted twice. Mr. Dowser writes that this is a genuine error and the sheet was found in the interior of Mexico and brought out by an assayer who is now in El Paso, Texas.

NEW CALEDONIA—The Australian Philatelist states:—

"Our correspondent at Noumea informs us that only 100,000 of the Red Cross stamps were printed, but probably a further lot would be printed, bringing the total up to 200,000, as originally intended; but he was unable to say whether the overprint would be the same or not; he made enquiries from the official responsible for the printing of the surcharges, who stated that none of the stamps were printed or issued with inverted surcharge; one sheet only became damaged in the course of printing. This was destroyed by fire in the presence of the Commission of three officials appointed to examine the stamps. We have seen several 'inverteds,' but in every case they are in a slightly different shade of colour from the genuine."

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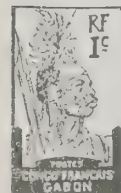


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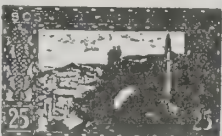
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Meeting called to order at 8.30 P. M. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Resignation of Mr. Beck has been accepted with regret.

Mr. Arnold Herrmann nominated and elected to fill the Trusteeship for the balance of the year.

It was decided that the New York Stamp Society take proper steps to form a New York Branch of the American Philatelic Society.

Next exhibit will be on November 4th and will be of "General Collections, E to G," and it is hoped that we will have a goodly number of exhibits.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

BOSTON, Oct. 19, 1915.

The 344th regular meeting of the Society was called to order this evening at 8.20 p. m. by the President, 38 members being in attendance. The usual reports were read and approved. The Lantern Committee reported enough cash already received with which to purchase the lantern, and that they hope every one who has not yet subscribed will do so, as they feel that this will prove a very interesting feature of future entertainments. The resignation of Mr. A. W. Godfrey, No. 553, was accepted.

Messrs. Geo. A. Goubault, Edwin H. Finegan and Gordon H. Crouch were elected to membership, their numbers being 609, 610 and 611, respectively.

The meeting was turned over to the entertainment committee consisting of Messrs. A. M. Wright, W. C. Polk and J. S. Bell, Jr. This consisted first of a series of questions which had to be answered in a limited time and the prizes were won by Messrs. Kelleher, Lyons and Powers in that order. Mr. Phelps received the "booby." Mr. Polk then exhibited a set of Finland complete, belonging to Mr. Oscar Hill, which was admired by all present. The meeting adjourned at 9.45 p. m.

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The second oldest German colony is German New Guinea which, geographically, only applies to Kaiser Wilhelm's Land—the north-east portion of the island of New Guinea or Papua. Administratively it also comprises the Bismarck Archipelago (including some of the Solomon Islands), the Caroline Islands, the Marianne Islands, and the Marshall Islands. The name German New Guinea is certainly somewhat of a misnomer, the more so as the seat of Government is situated at Herbertshöhe, on Gazelle Island in the Bismarck Archipelago. It was at one time decided that the name of the colony should be altered to German Australia—a much more fitting description—but the change was never made. The three last groups have been supplied with their own series of stamps, so these will be discussed separately, and this article will only deal with the two first divisions.

New Guinea, or Papua, is after Australia the largest island in the world, and is separated from the Australian continent by the shallow island-studded Torres Straits, 80 to 90 miles wide at its narrowest part. The two regions at one time formed continuous land, and an upheaval of less than sixty fathoms would again unite them, though elsewhere the mainland is washed by deep waters ranging from 500 to 1300 fathoms. The island appears to have been first sighted by D'Abreu in 1511 but it was some years later when the first Europeans visited it. In 1526, a Portuguese commander, Don Jorge de Meneses, accidentally over-ran his distance in voyaging from Malacca to Ternate and found himself at New Guinea. It was visited by other Portuguese and Spanish traders in later years and one of these, Retez (Roda) gave it its present name of New Guinea on account of the resemblance of its inhabitants to those of the Guinea coast. In 1601 Luis Vaz de Torres passed through the straits which still bear his name, and sailed along the south coast of the island taking possession in the name of the King of Spain. In the same year the Dutch began their settlements in the west, and for more than two centuries afterwards practically all explorations in New Guinea were conducted by this na-

tion. In 1700, Dampier, an Englishman, sailed along the north coast surveying and naming many points. In 1793, the East India Company occupied the island of Manassari in Geelvink Bay and in 1828 the western half of the island was placed under Dutch protection. Twenty years later the Dutch proclaimed their sovereignty over the portion under their protection and fixed the boundary line at 141° east longitude and this meridian was accordingly taken as the western boundary when England and Germany proclaimed spheres of influence in 1884. Protectorates were almost immediately declared by these two countries over the southeast and northeast portions respectively, and various conventions in later years fixed approximate boundaries.

While the coasts have been fairly well surveyed the interior of New Guinea is still practically an unknown land and the few expeditions that have attempted to open up the German portion have found progress exceedingly difficult. There are no paths, the territory is terribly rugged and covered with a dense undergrowth, and the whole country is covered with thick, dank forest. Timber valuable for cabinet-making purposes is plentiful but difficult to obtain. The climate is trying to Europeans on account of the heat combined with intense humidity. There are many rivers one of which, the Kaiserin Augusta, has been ascended by sea-going steamers for a distance of about two hundred miles.

The colony is directly administered by the Imperial Government but the development of its resources is in the hands of the German New Guinea Company which was granted an Imperial charter on May 17th, 1885. The Company has sovereign rights; no arms or spirits are allowed to be sold, and labor traffic (for years a vexed question in these parts) is forbidden except for German plantations.

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natives and these seem to combine at least four ethnical elements: Papuan proper, diffused over the whole region; Negrito; Eastern Polynesian; and Malay. Through the mingling of these elements small tribal groups speak a surprising number of distinct languages. Cannibalism is very prevalent; some tribes are predatory; but many others are peaceful, industrious and keen traders, displaying remarkable skill in the arts of pottery, wood-carving and husbandry.

In November, 1884, a German protectorate was declared over the New Britain Archipelago and several adjacent groups of islands. Later a portion of the Solomon Islands, including Bougainville and Buka, the two largest, were included in the protectorate and the whole group was then re-named the Bismarck Archipelago. Though under direct Imperial administration this territory is also developed by the German New Guinea Company, its charter being extended in December, 1886, to include the northern group of the Solomon Islands. New Hanover has an area of 570 square miles; New Mecklenburg has an area of 4,900 square miles, and New Britain or New Pommern has an area of 9,600 square miles. This latter and the small islands of the Lauenburg group are the only well explored districts. Here there are several successful plantations producing copra, coffee, cotton and rubber. The chief settlements are Matupi, a small island in Blanche Bay entirely occupied by a trading concern and Herbertshöhe, the seat of Government. New Pommern offers greater facilities to European settlers than any of the other islands many of which, though considerable in size are almost unapproachable, and man is almost wilder than nature. The natives are all very war-like and most of them are confirmed cannibals, and they offer the most strenuous opposition to all attempts at European ingress.

Bougainville, in the Solomon Islands, named after one of its discoverers, is exceedingly mountainous and has an extraordinarily heavy annual rainfall. Here also little progress has been made on account of unhealthiness of the climate for Europeans and the natural savagery of the native tribes.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

The first post-office in German New Guinea was opened at Stephansport on December 14th, 1889, and from that time until 1897 ordinary unsurcharged German stamps were used in the colony. In 1897, the six values of the 1889 series were overprinted "Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" in two lines reading diagonally upwards from the left lower corner and with the exception of two shades of the 3pf there is nothing in this issue which calls for special mention.

Reference List.

1897. German stamps of 1889 overprinted in black.

1. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 1.
2. 5pf green, Scott's No. 2.
3. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 3.
4. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 4.
5. 25pf orange, Scott's No. 5.
6. 50pf red-brown, Scott's No. 6.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

In 1900, German New Guinea in common with the other colonial possessions

was supplied with a complete series of thirteen different denominations in the "Hohenzollern" type.

Reference List.

1900. No Wmk. Perf. 14.
7. 3pf brown, Scott's No. 7.
8. 5pf green, Scott's No. 8.
9. 10pf carmine, Scott's No. 9.
10. 20pf ultramarine, Scott's No. 10.
11. 25pf black and red on yellow, Scott's No. 11.
12. 30pf black and orange on buff, Scott's No. 12.
13. 40pf black and carmine, Scott's No. 13.
14. 50pf black and purple on buff, Scott's No. 14.
15. 80pf black and carmine on rose, Scott's No. 15.
16. 1 mark carmine, Scott's No. 16.
17. 2 marks blue, Scott's No. 17.
18. 3 marks violet-black, Scott's No. 18.
19. 5 marks black and carmine, Scott's No. 19.

None of the stamps of this colony have been printed on the lozenge water-marked paper.

WE LEARN MORE.

To the Editor:—

Your dissertation on the Benzine Cup in the issue of October 9th was interesting, but to follow it might cause warm words.

In the first place, the terms gasoline, benzine, etc., are trade names, which, by usage, have all come under the one term, "Gasoline". We have low boiling and high boiling gasolines, the differences being produced by switching or "breaking" the stream of distillate as it runs from the still.

In recent years, an immense quantity of automobile gasoline has been produced by mixing different distillates to produce one of a certain gravity. The tendency is to get in those which approach kerosene, in consequence of which a stain will be left on evaporation. Benzine may be a high boiling distillate or a low boiling. Among chemists, it generally means a low boiling product. It contains none of the higher boiling distillates and leaves no stain. Undoubtedly, the older stamp collectors used this low boiling distillate with the accompanying danger of fire. On the other hand, to use an ordinary gasoline, is very apt to leave stains of near-kerosene on the stamps. While it is easy to secure the ordinary gasoline, one would have to apply to the wholesalers for the benzine, and many of them would have to order from outside.

It is rather surprising that no one has suggested the use of carbon tetrachloride. It has an odor not agreeable to some, but its good point is that it will not burn under any conditions. The price is higher than for gasoline, but the average collector would not use a very large amount.

Yours very truly,

THORN SMITH.

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Certainly any one interested in Belgian stamps will longingly peruse the advertisement of W. T. Wilson published elsewhere in this issue. It has been many a day since so nice an array of unused Belgians have been offered for sale and if the later issues can be supplied on an "equally sumptuous scale" it is certainly some collection.

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T. D. Churchill has brought our attention to the fact that Canada stamps are appearing with a large "R" surcharged in black. Mr. Churchill called our attention to this some weeks ago and we advised him to take the matter up with the P. O. Dept. at Ottawa. The reply received contained no information. Mr. Churchill pursued his investigations with the result as indicated below. We might add that on the specimen submitted for our inspection, the "R" was quite large in size and irregular in shape, as though applied by a rubber stamp or by means of a wood block.

We quote from Mr. Churchill's letter as follows:—
"In reply to your favor in reference to the Canada stamps surcharged with a large black "R", I sent them to the P. O. Department at Ottawa. You will note by copy of their reply enclosed herewith, that they could throw no light on the subject.

I then returned the stamps to the party who sent them to me, and have succeeded in clearing up the mystery. The stamps were placed on bottles of patent medicine by a druggist in a small Canadian town to cover the amount of revenue due thereon.

It is necessary to send to Ottawa for the regular revenue stamps, but the Government allows them to use the regular postage stamps for revenue purposes when surcharged similar to the enclosed. The surcharge is placed thereon by the parties using them. It is, of course, much less bother to obtain stamps at the local post office and surcharge them than it is to send to Ottawa for a supply of the regular issue.

I should judge, therefore, that they will be very common, as most of the small towns would no doubt use regular postage stamps similarly surcharged."

DEATH OF J. J. CODVILLE, OTTAWA, CANADA.

Among cable dispatches from England recently came word of the sudden death of J. J. Codville of Ottawa, Can., while on board a train between London and Brighton. Mr. Codville had gone over to see his son who is a graduate of the Kingston Military College in Ontario, but his son was fighting in the trenches in Flanders and he was unable to see him.

Many collectors will remember Mr. Codville. He was considered very high authority on Manitoba Law Stamps, at one time having probably the finest collection of these stamps in existence and the largest stock of duplicates. Unfortunately both collection and duplicates were burned in a hotel fire some years ago in Winnipeg.

Mr. Codville was member of a large wholesale grocery firm in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and amply able to indulge in philatelic fancies. His was a very kindly nature and all collectors who have met him will feel that they have lost a pleasant acquaintance and in many cases a good friend.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from:—Arthur W. Line, J. Rausch, Munroe Nash, and W. G. Birdseye.

—Edw. Michael of Chicago is to hold an auction sale Nov. 20. The date has been changed from Nov. 13, for which it was originally planned.

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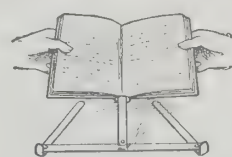
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EDITORIAL.

Bill Is Back.—Bill is back with the WEEKLY. He is the same Bill, we trow, whose lucubrations have made so deep an impression in the polite centers of philately, yet, did we imagine a shade of hauteur in his tone when he said that our innocent, even if intimate, chronicles of our pilgrim's progress through the bounding west had led those who met him for the first time on his peregrinations to expect him to indulge in a Charley Chaplin line of conduct? Bill dislikes to disappoint his admirers and for that reason, he balks at having his picture published. We shall see, we shall see. At any rate, Bill will resume his thrilling stories of germless hinges, home-made albums, quadruple indices, etc., in the next issue.

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Nobody Knows.—There is much speculation as to the action that Congress will take to raise revenue for the coming calendar year. Different reports based on as many theories are heard but it is futile to anticipate legislation and we shall have to await the action of the rulers. We notice a wavelet of interest at least in the current revenues and collectors are having all sorts of experiences in pursuing the high denominations of the documentary stamps. In this connection, we know that a fine pair of used (but not cut) fifty dollar documentary, the stamp withdrawn from use, was sold for one hundred dollars. The status of the fifty dollar documentary that was retired in consequence of a theft of the stamps after they had left the Bureau (as already described in the WEEKLY) will be determined by time. We have been informed that about ten hundred of the stamps were not returned to the department following the order of the treasury department and the inference is that some of the stamps retained have been used, and that others may be used, for tax purposes.

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Here Are The Papers.—A copy of the "authorization" of the provisional set from Mexico, on the stationery of the Director General, Hinojosa, dated September 22nd, 1915, and addressed to the Postmaster General at Washington has been placed in our hands and a free translation of the notice follows: "Due to the fact that the stock of postage stamps in this General Office has been exhausted and not having sufficient time to make the impression of a new definite issue, this Government is compelled to make a transitory issue of the postage stamps that today I have the honor of sending you in, five sample copies of the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10c values, passing over for the present the customary procedure while the office of the Universal Postal Union communicates to you the official letter, copy of which I beg to send enclosed. At the same time I request of you to give your orders to the various post-offices under your charge to allow the free circulation of all correspondence with these stamps on, as this General Office has been compelled to issue the new series, putting them on sale at once in order to eliminate all trouble to the public and commerce. I respectfully request of you to inform me of your decision on this matter that I may know the course to follow. I protest to you, Mr. Director, the assurance of my most attentive consideration." The "official letter" which contains details of the temporary issue is worth translating; and we hope to present the translation elsewhere. It may be added that there is no uncertainty about the issue of the one centavo lilac; a sheet has been seen with the control number A on margin and the number 00001.

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Removing Temptation.—The third assistant postmaster general has issued a notice that does not arouse our pride in country to the cheering point. Indeed, one is abashed by the introductory paragraph of the order: "Post-office burglaries have increased to such an extent that the Department finds it advisable to lessen the number of postage stamps issued to postmasters, particularly the 1-cent and 2-cent denominations which are the main object of the burglary. Postmasters of the second, third and fourth classes who cannot properly protect their stamps will ac-

cordingly draw requisitions for approximately two months' supply of 1-cent and 2-cent stamps at a time," etc. If, however, the postmasters can protect their stamp supply, the department much prefers to send stamps to cover the demand for a period of from three months to a year. It is remarked that postal cards, stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers are "seldom taken by burglars because of their weight and bulk."

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Accommodation.—The Kansas City Times says that writing paper may now be bought at the main post office in its city, in consequence of the demand for writing paper by patrons of the office who wish to do their correspondence on the spot. The paper is sold at cost and the convenience of the user is not taxed in any other way as needless to say, the department would not countenance any transaction that yielded any private profit in the precincts of the post office. We are informed that the Washington authorities have given permission tacitly heretofore by "a few Eastern cities." Mr. Michaels asks if it is possible that "the good old letter-sheet days of '86" are to return as a consequence of the enterprise indicated. The postal department has had two experiences with letter-sheets in 1861 and 1886, respectively, but the dear public seemed to lose its ardent longing for letter-sheets when once they became an accomplished fact. According to the wails of many, as it seemed, life without a special registration stamp would be a joyless desert. For many years, the authorities were importuned for a special registration stamp. It came—and went. The public is a fickle jade, a fact that the department well knows.

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Postal Points.—From Mr. Paul Dillingham we have received the minutes of the convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers at Omaha last September as printed in the *Postal Record*. A perusal of the account would repay the one who is interested in the workings of our postal service, no doubt. Mr. Dillingham writes a letter from which we take the paragraph: "The nations at war, in Europe deliver letters and other mail, to their soldiers and sailors on actual service, free. A letter addressed to any foreign country and mailed without a stamp in this country must be forwarded to destination where double postage is charged for delivery." The postal department wishes the information repeated as often as possible that deficient postage on foreign letters is charged for at a rate just double that represented by the omission. The double postage due rate occasions no little objection and controversy which are based on ignorance of the rule.

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Hence, this General Office, having the authorization of the mentioned Secretary, has ordered the issue of the following postage stamps:—

Class A.—1. One-cent stamp, lilac color; design: Seal of the National Arms.

Class B.—1. Two-cent stamp, green color; design: Cuauhtemoc.

Class C.—1. Three-cent stamp, coffee color; design: Bust of General Zaragoza.

Class D.—1. Four-cent stamp, red color; design: Bust of General Morelos.

Class E.—1. Five-cent stamp, yellow color; design: Bust of Don Francisco I. Madero.

Class F.—1. Ten-cent stamp, blue color; design: Bust of Licenciado Benito Juárez.

As soon as the stamps of higher values are finished, it will be made known and will be sent to the different post offices together with a new circular.

In accordance with the provisions in the above mentioned circular, no exchange will be established, as large quantities of stamps have been fraudulently taken from several post offices. Hence, as soon as the new stamps reach the post offices, the postmasters in charge, of course, will return properly invoiced, whatever stamps that they have of the discontinued series, with the exception of letter cards, postal cards, stamped envelopes and bands, which will be used till new orders are given, providing that when used enough stamps will be adhered to, so as to conform with the new rates of postage.

The Postmasters, after receiving the new stamps and returning the old series, will report to this office by telegraph the same day, thus making all stamps used up to this date void and useless.

All mail that the following day after the new stamps are placed on sale, should be deposited with stamps declared void, will be considered unstamped and will be subject to the provisions in the Postal Code, articles Nos. 179 and 183.

If the time disposed of for the impression of the new stamps is not sufficient, it will be the local post offices of Mexico City and its branches, also, the various offices in the Federal District, that will commence using the new stamps after September 16. As to the rest of the post offices in the republic, they will be supplied as soon as the stamps are ready, and for an efficacious vigilance for the compliance of these orders, in due time we will notify, to which offices stamps of the new issue have been sent.

Of this circular, kindly acknowledge receipt, and make it known to the branches under your charge, for which we are sending the necessary copies.

CONSTITUTION AND REFORMS.

MEXICO, September 10, 1915.

The General Director,

COSME HINOJOSA.

To the Postmaster in

\$1,300 IN STAMPS STOLEN.

George R. Tuttle, a postage stamp dealer, at 116 Nassau Street, announced to the assembled collectors just before his sale, Oct. 30, that more than 150 lots, including nearly all of United States stamps, had been stolen.

The lost stamps were valued, at standard catalogue prices, at more than \$1,300. The stamps were in a little book which Mr. Tuttle prepared for the inspection of prospective bidders. A caller spent some time looking over the book a few days ago and after his departure Mr. Tuttle found that the book had also gone. He notified the dealers in the Nassau Street stamp district and a man was arrested last week while endeavoring to sell some of the stamps on the original pages to a dealer in John Street. He gave his name as William Demarest, living in East Fifty-second Street. He was held in bail for trial, but has since confessed and will come up for sentence this week. Some of the stamps were recovered, but more than 150 lots have not been recovered. Among the missing lots were some fine specimens of early United States issues, including rare department and revenue stamps.—N. Y. Times.

A TEN YEARS' RENEWAL.

Few papers can boast a clientele so loyal as can the WEEKLY. It is nothing unusual for us to receive two-year and three-year renewals, but to Marshall S. Howard, Manila, P. Ids., belongs the credit of sending in during the past week \$5.00 for a ten-years' renewal. Mr. Howard writes:—

"Why not start a contest to see who can get his subscription paid farthest in advance? Every collector will want your paper so long as it is published and if such a calamity should happen that you were compelled to suspend its publication, all will have received their money's worth."

This is all very kind of Mr. Howard and we appreciate the spirit that prompts the suggestion. We question whether anyone could be found who would surpass Mr. Howard in his loyalty to the WEEKLY.

ATLANTA FORMS A STAMP CLUB.

We are pleased to announce that the stamp collectors of Atlanta, Ga., have organized the Atlanta Philatelic Society with Clarendon Bangs, deputy collector of customs, as president and R. W. Mead secretary. At the organization meeting Maj. F. L. Palmer made the principal address and at its conclusion exhibited a portion of his collection.

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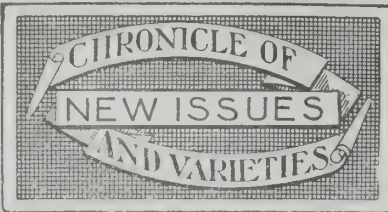
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Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—New envelopes are reported by J. M. Bartels, as follows:

B. No.	Denom.	Var.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
2502C	2c	B	3	Blue	18	80
2502D	2c	B	4	White	18	84
	1c	A	5	Amber	19	87
	2c	A	3	Buff	19	92
	2c	E	8	Amber	19	91
	1c	A	3	White	20	80
	1c	A	8	White	20	59
	1c	C	5v.1	White	20	87
	1c	D	13	Buff	20	89
	2c	A	14	White	20	86
	2c	B	7	White	20	51

John F. Hammell reports having found a block of 30 of the 7c current stamps—part of plate No. 6903, with a fold in the paper before printing. The fold is 1/2 of an inch wide running diagonally across eight stamps. It is rather a curio. I have never seen or heard of anything like it. The value of such a freak is problematical, depending entirely on finding a possible customer, and how much he might be willing to pay.

BUSHIRE.—Henry Pepper Norris reports the 5c overprinted "Bushire—Under British—Occupation" as noted last week. He is informed that only 257 copies were issued, and that further overprinting will probably be on the current issue.

CANADA.—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred corrects the Chronicle in a recent number. The new Canadian reply card is printed in black and not green. There is only a 1c special wrapper for the use of publishers with portrait of King George. The two varieties of King George wrappers are 1c green without inscription and 1c green with inscription.

Post Card.

1+1c black.

CHINA.—Ora E. Stark writes as follows regarding the new overprint noted in No. 1295:

"While it is probably too late to be of information to you, noting your paragraph on page 362 of MEKEEL'S with reference to the overprint on the junk type stamps of China, you are informed that these stamps from 1/2c to \$1.00 have been surcharged with the five characters as mentioned for use at Chinese offices in Eastern Turkestan. The surcharge is in black on all but the \$1.00, which is in red."

FRENCH MOROCCO.—The New England Stamp Co. has shown us a new Red Cross stamp, the 5c value of the current "Protectorat Francaise" set having been overprinted with a Red Cross and "5c."

Adhesive.

5c5c green.

MALTA.—The Stamp Shop has submitted the King George 1sh stamp printed on green paper colored through.

MEXICO.—We are indebted to Lowell J. Ragatz, A. C. Roessler, Ora E. Stark, the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. and others for specimens of the new Carranza stamps as noted in No. 1295, Mr. Roessler also sends us the 1c value, which was missing from the first consignment.

The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. has shown us the latest fall styles in Sonoras, the familiar stage coach background having given place to anvil surmounted by a rayed liberty cap, enclosed in a wreath and dotted line.

Adhesive.

5c black, green and yellow.

		Cat. price.	My price.
1	1876, 1p carmine	\$.50	\$.25
2	2 1/2p red brown	9.00	5.00
3	4p blue	5.00	2.40
4	6p green	2.00	1.00
5	1/2p green	.35	.18
7	2 1/2p red brown	7.50	3.70
8	2 1/2p ultramarine	1.00	.50
10	4p red lilac	.50	.23
11	1p carmine	5.00	2.25
6	1p carmine	1.25	.60

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Canal Zone 1909, 2c vermilion & black, No. 42	.01
1909, 5c blue and black, No. 43	.02
Chile 1911, 5c dark blue, No. 101	.01
1911, 20c orange red & black, No. 105	.01
Costa Rica 1910, 1c, 5c, 10c, Nos. 69, 72, 73, three for	.02
Cuba 1899, 3c purple, No. 229	.02
Ecuador 1911-13, 1c scarlet & blk., No. 194	.02
1911-13, 2c blue & black, No. 195	.02
1911-13, 5c scarlet & black, No. 197	.01
1911-13, 10c deep blue & blk., No. 198	.02
Hayti 1909, 5c dark blue, No. 129	.02
1912 5c deep blue	.02
Same, "Gl. O. Z." overprint	.03
Honduras 1911, 10c blue, No. 155	.02
Nicaragua, 1/2c, 1c, 2c, 5c current, 4 for	.06
Salvador 1912, 1c, 2c, 17c, Nos. 402, 403, 410, three for	.08

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., Arlington, Mass.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—A. C. Roessler reports that all proposals for a new issue of stamps for the Island are now called off, according to semi-official advices from thence.

PAPUA.—The Stamp Shop has shown us the current 1d red of Papua printed on the Australian King George paper, as noted in No. 1283.

URUGUAY.—Dr. L. A. Micheloni advises us that Sept. 12th new 23c and 1 peso stamps lithographed were put in circulation, and that on the 16th of the same month an entire new set of official stamps and due stamps of 1c and 6c values were issued. Both officials and dues are lithographed. While Dr. Micheloni has not yet received specimens of the above he is informed that the official stamps are not of the type of previous issues but a plainer type of the word "official" is employed.

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Panama 10c, 1892-6 No. 18, 9c, mint. Approvals. E. E. BRIGHT, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. [tf]

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Turkey 1905, 5, 10, 20pa, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 5pi, (cat. .39) .16 1905, Newspaper, 5, 10, 20pa, 1, 2pi, (cat. .23) .09 25 diff., 10c; 50 diff., .25 ALMIR, 608 West 135 St., New York City. [tf]

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Remainders.

The word "remainders" is usually associated with unused sheets of stamps (obsolete) sold by the issuing government. As far as we know Egypt never sold any such remainders, but, instead, adopted the rather unusual procedure of selling off *used* stamps in quantities. The following letter from the Postmaster General of Egypt is quoted from *The Monthly Journal* 1899.

"Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that this Administration will sell, for the benefit of the funds of the Postal Benevolent Society, *obliterated* Egyptian postage stamps, taken off correspondence and parcels despatch notes, which have been destroyed after the prescribed day.

The approximate quantity of stamps to be sold is as follows:

Stamps of 10 piastres,	10,000
Stamps of 5 piastres,	95,000
Stamps of 2 piastres, Issue 1893,	38,000
Stamps of 2 piastres Issue 1879,	2,300
Stamps of 1 piastre,	120,000
Stamps of 5 milliemes,	35,000

Total, 300,300

Offers may be made for the whole lot or any part.

In the latter case the price per 1000 must be given for each variety. The prices will be for stamps delivered in Alexandria only, in the present condition and not packed. Packing and posting to be at buyer's cost. Terms: cash to be paid on delivery of stamps. Offers must be sent in sealed envelopes, with the mention, 'offer for Obliterated Stamps.'

There is no guide as to what issue most of the stamps belonged, so presumably they were current except where specially stated to the contrary.

Somewhere about the end of 1908 there was a repetition of the above sale procedure. According to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* (1909) three lots of stamps were offered for sale to the highest bidder. All offers were to be sent to the Director-General of Posts at Alexandria. The following is the list *all obliterated*:

Revised for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

Lot I. Egyptian Stamps.

1 and 5 mil and 1 pias.,	187,500
2, 3 and 4 mil,	37,500
2 piastres,	225,000
5 piastres,	75,000
10 piastres,	15,000

NOTE. Lot 2 consisted of Sudanese stamps, all in bundles of 5,000 and under, whilst Lot 3 contained used *German* (Reichspost 1900) stamps, consisting of the values 1-5 marks!

The sale of used *German* high value stamps is somewhat curious. The land of "Kultur" evidently possessed much urgent business with the land of the Pyramids!

On January 10, 1912, the Egyptian Post office sold the following lots of used stamps to the highest bidder:

Sudan, 10 piastres,	1,700
Germany, 5 marks,	6,300
Switzerland (1905-07) 3 francs,	8,000

This constitutes all the "remainders" sold as far as we have been able to gather.

In the case of these latter items "wholesale stocks" would be a better term than "remainders"!

Proofs and Essays.

A representative collection of the proofs and essays of Egypt would fill two or three large albums! The proofs are many in number whilst the essays (with their trials in multitudinous colours and shades) are legion. Many of the essays are of great interest, and it is a matter of opinion whether many of the rejected designs are not much finer in every way than those actually chosen. Unfortunately some of the essays of Egypt were of an entirely speculative nature; made "to sell to collectors." About the time that most of the Egyptian essays were submitted, there was a regular "boom" among collectors for these highly desirable items accordingly it was found that a little revenue might be made if essays were made to supply the philatelic demand.

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M. Moens in his work *Timbres d'Egypte* gives a very thorough and exhaustive list of the proofs and essays and we recommend all students interested in proofs to carefully peruse this work.

THE PROOFS OF ISSUE I.

The proofs of issue I form an interesting basis from which to work up the stamps themselves. The stamps of the first issue are getting very scarce in blocks of any size, and so there is nothing much available to learn from the stamps as to the dimensions of the sheets and the positions of varieties A and B.

It must also be confessed that large blocks of the proofs are seldom seen, whilst complete sheets of 200 are of the greatest rarity—only two complete sets in sheets being known.

The proofs are printed on thin, glossy unwatermarked paper. The paper, although thin, appears as if it could stand a lot of "wear and tear." This paper lends itself to "rust," so it is very necessary that these proofs be kept in a dry place.

Single copies and pairs are often seen and are even fairly common, but blocks of four and anything larger are extremely difficult to find.

The overprint on the 1 and 2 piastres is *typographed*, and unlike the stamps, the fact is very obvious.

As the 1 piast. stamp and proof are both on unwatermarked paper, there is often some difficulty in separating *imperf* copies of the 1 piast. stamp and proof. As a matter of fact there should be no difficulty whatever as the thickness and general appearance of the two papers are very obvious.

The 10 piastres *tête bêche* does not exist on the proof sheets.

PROOFS OF ISSUE II.

Again the proofs demonstrate what can be learned about the stamps themselves by a study of the proof impressions. The varieties of the stamps could not be determined without complete sheets, at any rate it could not have been determined which of the four types was Hoff's types I, II, etc. But some blocks of four of the original proofs made this point clear.

The proofs we have seen are all printed in black, the paper is thin (but not quite so thin as the proofs of issue I) and is unwatermarked.

The proofs of the later issues call for no special remarks, with the exception perhaps of the POSTAGE DUE PROOFS. It is stated under the various issues of these labels that "Imperfate specimens are proofs." Although in no way doubting the eminent authority who stated that all imperf. postage dues were proofs, we nevertheless maintain that certain of the imperf. P. D.'s are imperf. specimens of the stamps.

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In 1874, the Continental Bank Note Co., of New York, submitted some very striking essays to the Egyptian Government, which were not accepted. The designs were very neat and effective, the only thing which seemed unsuitable was the Turkish overprint struck across. The pyramid and stars formed the central portion of one suggestion, whilst the sphinx and stars made up the central design of the other proposal. The remainder of the design consisted of intricate scroll-work. These essays have one unique point—they were bi-colored.

The only other essays of importance were two submitted by M. C. Borroni (1874) and two by Bernardi Wagner & Co. of Milan. All four essays were of the most extraordinary designs, the main object being to crowd as much as possible into a small space as possible. One of Borroni's designs has a central oval (quite small) which contains a sphinx's head, two pyramids, two towers and a quantity of (?) telegraph poles!

Forgeries.

The first three issues of Egypt have been somewhat extensively forged, but, except in one instance, the forgeries are poor and not likely to deceive anyone.

We cannot deal with this subject at length, but will give a few notes which we think will be sufficient for anyone to recognize any forgeries he may come across. In that most useful work *Album Weeds* there is a lengthy description of all forgeries of the first three issues, and we advise anyone who is doubtful upon a specimen to refer to the subject in that work.

The following are some general points to bear in mind, and they will be found to be quite sufficient to determine the status of a label in most cases.

ISSUE I.—Genuine—All stamps (except 1 piastre which is unwatermarked) are upon watermarked paper (pyramid and star). The paper is inclined to be thin and is greyish white in tint. The Turkish overprint is in very black ink and is evenly applied: The characters of the top part of the overprint being all joined together.

Forged—The counterfeits are lithographed on stout thick white wove paper which is unwatermarked. The perforation is sometimes 12—on others 12½. The Turkish overprint is almost invariably badly done. The ink is thin and not full toned, whilst the characters do not bear comparison with the originals.

ISSUE II.—The forgeries of this issue are far more dangerous. There is a particularly clever forgery of the 1 piastre, which is really well done—its only fault being that it is on unwatermarked paper. There is also a fairly clever fake of the 5 paras.

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Forged—There is no impressed water-
mark and the paper is generally very
white and of varying thickness. The per-
foration is pin-perf. and badly done.
The impressions are much more indis-
tinct in general detail than the originals.

Issue III—The forgeries of this issue
are very feeble, considering the poor-
ness of the originals. It seems apparent that
the forgers considered the original too
easy a job to copy, so the forgeries lack
many of the points of the genuine
stamps.

Genuine—Typographed on rather thick,
hard, brownish paper (1872), and also
on a thinner paper (1874). Water-
marked crescent and star, and perforated
12 1/2, 13 1/2 and compound. The bottom
label reads: POSTE KHEDEVIE
EGIZIANE.

Forged—Lithographed on similar
paper to genuine, but smoother and
whiter. No watermark and pin-perf. 11.
The bottom label reads: POSTE KHE-
DEVIE EGIZIRNE.

The following extract from *Le Phare*
d'Alexandria is interesting as it says
these forgeries were printed on official
paper—we have not heard of these for-
geries anywhere else.

"June 15th, 1898."

"The police of our town, having been
advised that false Egyptian stamps had
been for some time put into circulation
at Alexandria, took steps in the matter,
and succeeded in discovering the work-
shop whence they came.

They told the Italian consulate, as the
forger could lay an appeal to that place.

The Consul appointed M. Nacouz, first
interpreter, who worked in the workshop
situated in the Rue Mahmoud, and
Falaki a court of enquiry, with the aid
of Harington Bey, Chief of the Police,
Mayor Treves, and some members of
the local police.

Several hundreds of old postage
stamps of Egypt were found, and a
stone engraved with the stamp of the
first issue.

The imitation is so perfect that a care-
ful examination is necessary for finding
out the deception.

The stamps of the first issue are upon
official paper, which the forger obtained
by favour of an accomplice. The forged
stamps were sold to philatelists. It is
about two years since this forger carried
out his work by the aid of some appren-
tices. He will be prosecuted for forgery
because he has deceived buyers as to the
quality and genuineness of the objects
sold to them. This is the first time that
there has been any question of issuing
forged postage stamps in Egypt."

This Italian, Sebastiano Giorgini by
name, duly appeared before the Consu-
lar Tribunal, but was acquitted on the
grounds that he sold his counterfeits as
forgeries.

The remark that this is the first time
that Egyptian stamps have been forged
in Egypt is worth noting. There does
not seem to be much to show where the
older forgeries originated, but we have
always been under the impression, that
many emanated from Egypt as well as
Italy.

The Unpaid Letter stamps have been
forged, both on watermarked and un-
watermarked paper.

(To be continued.)

THE CHARM OF STAMP COLLECTING.

(H. C. Macdougall sends us a clipping from
the "British Weekly" that deserves reprinting.
As Mr. Macdougall observes "it illustrates
particularly well the charm that stamp col-
lecting has even for men whose lives have the
most varied and widest interests."—ED.)

The American professor, Dr. R. W.
Rogers, who writes so interestingly of
his experiences in this country, has a
graphic sketch of the late Sir James
Murray in the *Christian Advocate*. He
says with real insight that Sir James
"never seemed in haste to cap another
man's story, but waited till it had been
variously enjoyed and the laugh had
subsided (what a curiously uncommon
trait of gentleness and good taste that
was!), then he would tell his story, and
it was like to be well worth while." He
describes Sir James as one of the
supreme private gardeners of Oxford
and a magnificent bicyclist. He was
also a keen stamp collector.

"It happens that the last time I ever
met Sir James, just before the beginning
of his last illness, was over a set of stamp
books. It was in the noble old lodge of
the president of my Oxford College, the
Rev. Dr. James, of Saint Johns, who is
easily the premier philatelist of Oxford.
He had invited Sir James and me to dine
in his private rooms in college, that we
three might talk stamps while we looked
at his superb collection. In the twenty
big volumes there are 32,000 stamps. We
sat before a small mahogany table, both
before and after dinner, Sir James and
I on one side and the genial and kindly
president opposite, and the talk was a
rising tide of enthusiasm as the rows
upon rows of shades and varieties and
uncommon perforations passed by. Sir
James would point and say, 'I have a
good specimen of that, which I got in
Paris twenty years ago.' 'I never saw
that before. When did you acquire it?'
'Yes, I have one, but it is perforation
10,' and so it went on. A very human
person, and just a wee bit Scotch as he
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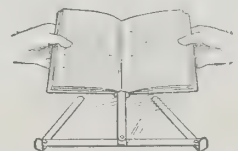
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EDITORIAL.

Somewhat Damaged—A new wrinkle in censoring has been reported to us. A reader says that he has seen censored stamps as well as censored contents of letters from the war zone, as he describes stamps whose centers have been removed. Perhaps, the "hunger cry," the special pet of the sob story artist, was responsible for this drastic measure.

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Stamp Text—Several readers have called our attention to the discussion indulged in by several correspondents in the *Chicago Tribune* on the subject of the 1898 Canada Christmas stamp. In sending in the clippings, one of our readers asks what was the reason for the issue of the stamp and its withdrawal. If we had not been importuned to do so, we might not have hesitated long enough in our mad, merry career to have turned inquiring eye on the subject. The map stamp in question was issued to commemorate the adoption of a penny or two cent rate of postage for the British Empire, which became effective on Christmas day, 1898. We remember that one of our good friends stayed up late the night before so that he could deposit a letter franked with this stamp in the mails at one minute after midnight; he rightly conjectured that this early date would be appreciated. As one of the *Tribune* correspondents says: "That the stamp was ungainly and crude in design was beyond dispute, but its issue was only intended to celebrate an event which has been of immense benefit to all English speaking peoples." Anyhow, celebration stamps are the ephemera philately. It is something to know that a postage stamp can excite the readers of the unphilatelic press.

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O, Talcum—"Is the following confession eligible for 'The Happiest Recollection of My Philatelic Life' symposium? No? O, vurry well. My happiest hour was during one evening, ages ago, when the nice boy across the street, whom I was just dying to meet, came to our house with his parents. After my shyness wore off, I entertained him by showing my stamp collection. He was interested and I turned the pages, O, so slowly, as we sat side by side on the sofa. He had long eye-lashes; and every now and then, he looked right at me. I am still unmarried. P. S. Do not breathe my name, which I sign as an evidence of good faith."

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In Andorra—In the *Chicago Post* recently there was an account by Marion Drake of her trip to Andorra, the "tiny republic" of the Pyrenees. At different times, Andorra has engaged the attention of collectors, once by reason of a *pseudo* stamp issue and at other times by rumors of stamp issues. The picturesque setting of Andorra is dwelt upon appreciatively and its people are described in favorable terms. They are "kindly, interested in the news of the outside world, courteous, some quiet and some loquacious." Andorra la Vieja is the capital of the miniature republic; and Spain is called the spiritual and France the temporal mother of the interesting little country. In other words, the republic with an area of 175 square miles and a population of 7,500 or so, is under the joint suzerainty of France and Spain. Mr. Drake says: "There is no Andorran postage, although there was once an issue of stamps designed and printed, of which I found a set in Madrid, but on the French side the mail goes to L'Hospitalet, with French stamps, and on the Spanish side, with Spanish postage, down to Urgel."

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Verb. Sap.—The remarks on the use of plate-numbers on page 372 of the issue of October 30th, inconsequential as they may have seemed to some collectors who do not have the time to cultivate the amenities of philatelic life, have not passed unheeded. In fact, one of our "truly greats" has taken the trouble to write: "A few of us have been in the habit of using our duplicate copies of single plate-number stamps to pay postage on letters to each other; and we also use them when we send a stamped en-

velope for reply in writing to other people." Reciprocal courtesies of this and similar kind add to the pleasures of philatelic existence.

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On Hand—By this time it is general knowledge that the new edition of the catalogue of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company has appeared. The book this year shows that its preparation entailed no little work, the addition of new stamps alone almost having established a record for number. We remark one point with much satisfaction; it is seen that the new issues are "written up" rather better than many that have long been established in the book. The price changes are many, more than 25,000, the publishers claim, and no doubt, the adjustments are made according to the best judgment of the cataloguers. We are given to understand that no alteration was made without justification based on authorities and conditions of fact. The publishers say: "This edition is complete up to the time of going to press. There will, of course, be many price changes of importance which it will be necessary to make during the coming year; and all such price changes will be shown in our *Monthly Circular* which is a supplement to the catalogue." The last disqualification now having been removed, the season is on in earnest; and what is now but the buzz of philatelic conversation will soon become a roar; and it cannot become too "roariferous" to suit us.

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Needed—Writing from Hamilton, Canada, Mr. H. C. Burns says: "I am enclosing a clipping from the *Hamilton Globe* bearing on the War Tax issue of Canada. There appears to be quite a demand for a three cent stamp to cover both postage and tax and there is a rumor that such an issue will shortly be made." The clipping from the *Globe* is a plaint from a correspondent that has a whimsical touch. He says that inasmuch as the war tax may be paid by an ordinary one cent postage stamp, the result is three cent postage. While this discovery is not a brilliant one, yet "A Licker" scores with his subsequent remark: "Would it not be far better for the department to come out frankly with the issue of a three cent postage stamp so that one lick and one stick would suffice for the dual operation now necessary? What a vast amount of valuable time, energy and saliva must be wasted throughout this entire Dominion in procuring sticking and sticking the superfluous infliction imposed upon us!"

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1900, 1 & 2 francs25
1905, 1 & 2 francs20
Bulgaria 1882, 3 to 50s20
1885, 1 & 2s08
1889, 1 to 50s15
1896, 1, 5, 15 & 25s20
* Same, unused30
1901, 5 & 15s15
1901-6, 1 to 50s15
1911, 5, 10, 25, 30 & 50s18
1911, 1118
* 1913, 1, 2 & 3s surch.08

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*Turkey, Adrianople, set of 320
Denmark 1912, 35c on 20c, No. 7810
*Papua 1907, 1/4d, No. 3406
* 1907, 1d, No. 3513
* 1907, 4d, No. 3825

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By MRS. E. W. OUGHTRED.

Canada Customs.
1c green Crown design
2c red Crown design
5c brown Crown design

Electric Light Inspection.
\$2 red Head symbolic of electricity
\$3 red Head symbolic of electricity

Gas Inspection.
\$2 blue Queen's head
\$10 blue Queen's head

Weights and Measure Inspection
10c black Queen's head
\$1.50 same with control number, white label

British Columbia Law Stamp.
New die, but design is similar to the old. The words "Law Stamp" are in colored letters.

10c black 50c dark brown
25c green \$1 blue
30c yel. brown

Quebec Law Bi-lingual.
Forbin only mentions the 70c. There are the following:—

10c green 80c dark brown
20c blue 90c claret
30c red \$1 vermilion
40c red brown \$2 violet
50c black \$3 green
60c olive green \$4 black brown
70c yel. brown \$5 blue

Quebec Registration Bi-lingual.
Forbin only mentions the 5c and \$2 values. There are:—

5c black \$1 olive green
15c green \$2 light brown
30c blue \$5 violet
50c dark brown

Canada War Tax.

The first surcharged consisted of "WAR TAX" in two lines diagonally on the current postage stamps as follows:—
5c blue 50c dark brown
20c olive green

The second surcharge consisted of the words "INLAND REVENUE WAR TAX" in four lines diagonally similar to the previous surcharge:—
5c blue 50c dark brown
20c olive green

These were followed by a regular issue, an oblong stamp with head of King George with the inscription "Inland Revenue War Tax." The following values have been issued:—
1c orange 10c olive green
2c brown 13c vermilion
3c green 25c carmine
5c olive yellow 50c dk. brown

An x strip stamp was next issued 7/4 in. x 3/4, head of King George. All values were printed in black and the set consists of the following:—5c, 10c, 13c, 25c, 50c.

Minor Varieties.
Quebec Law, \$1 blue imperf.
Quebec Law, \$1 blue pelure paper.
Quebec Law, 30c red pelure paper.
Quebec Law, 80c red part perf.

Quebec Reg., \$2 verm. pelure paper.
Quebec Reg., \$2 brown wmkd.
Quebec Third Bill, 3c green wmkd.

STANDING OF ALBINOS.

Postmasters Notified to Honor Defective Envelopes.

Notices have been sent to postmasters throughout the country calling attention to the fact that a number of stamped envelopes furnished by the Post Office Department recently have been found to be without ink or coloring in the embossing. In several instances letters contained in such envelopes have been treated as unpaid and held for postage.

The notices to the postmasters state that care must be taken that such envelopes are not treated as being without postage, as the stamp impressed thereon is valid for postage even though uncolored.

Purchasers of stamped envelopes should be advised that those on which the stamps are uncolored should not be mailed, but should be presented for redemption. Similar action should be taken regarding stamped envelopes which have been made up with the stamp on the inside, as such also have been found in the mail.—Washington Star.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—George Gandenberger, Jr., 291 Railroad Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., would like to hear from any dealers who have had business relations with C. Hall, 1921 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill. A speedy response is desired.

—Bryant Pollard of Proctorsville, Vt., was a caller at the WEEKLY office on Saturday, November 6.

—In the last two issues of the WEEKLY appeared an advertisement of Henry Voltz, advertising booklet panes of U. S. No. 304. The number is in error. It should have been 314 instead. The price of the pane of six given at 22c was correct and Mr. Voltz will be glad to fill any orders for the same.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Paul Dillingham, E. J. Southern, Hilliard Dusing and John T. Thompson.

—Mrs. Minnie H. Chaddock, 1 East Ave., Attica, N. Y., a shut-in, would like to hear from other shut-ins who would be interested in exchanging stamps. Mrs. Chaddock comes well recommended to us and we have no hesitancy in inserting this news note.

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251 red No. 122\$.04
401 violet, No. 12310
1d blue No. 12507
2d bistre No. 12640
20 on 25 blue No. 12903
30 on 40 violet No. 13006
40 on 21 bistre, No. 13205
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1d on 40 violet No. 13420
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Canal Zone Dues 1915 used25
*Cayman Islands No. 1 and No. 210
*Zanzibar No. 49, 2 rupees65
No. 50, 3 rupees30
No. 51, 4 rupees 1.20
No. 52, 5 rupees 1.25
*Gabon 1911, 5 varieties10
*Middle Congo 1907, 5 varieties10
*Yunnan Fou 1908, 5 varieties10
*U. S. War Department, No. 59020
*U. S. War Department, No. 59250
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237 Collectors

wrote for our Price Lists this month. If you would write that would make it

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BUFFALO, N. Y.

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China 1913, 30c No. 189Cat. 12 .05
China 1913, \$1 No. 19130 .15
Costa Rica 50c, No. 50, mint.25 .09
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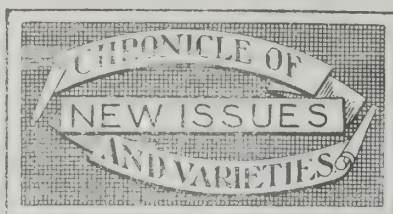
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UNITED STATES.—In No. 1267 we noted that the current 2c had been found perforated 10x12. A letter from the Postal authorities was printed at that time explaining how the compound perforation occurred. H. C. Biggers informs us that he has found the 3c 1909 stamp perforated 12 at the top and 10 at the side, though we have not seen the stamp.

ARGENTINE.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* notes the issue of the 1c, 2c and 3c values of the Laborer type on thin unwatermarked paper.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—The current 1d stamp of Great Britain (King George second type) has been overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate."

BELGIUM.—We are indebted to C. B. Moore and Charles W. A. Braun for information regarding the new Belgian issue, which has at last made its appearance. This was described in No. 1275, and correctly, except that the pictures on the 35c, 40c, and 50c values show things as they were before the German invasion, and not after. The lower values have the so-called "large head" of the 1912 issue, and curiously enough the King is wearing his baldric over the right shoulder, while the Red Cross stamps show it over the left shoulder. These values have a cheap look resembling very much the first Red Cross issue, but the higher values are finely engraved and printed. From 1c to 25c the stamps show a portrait of King Albert. The 35c, the Cloth Hall at Ypres; the 40c, the College of Dinant; the 50c, the College of Louvain, these values being 22 1/2 x 28 mm., where the lower values are 18 x 22 mm. The franc values are still larger, and show pictures as follows: 1fr, Freeing of the Scheldt in 1862; 2fr, Annexation of the Congo; 5fr, King Albert Presenting a Flag to His Army on the steps of the Town Hall of Furnes; 10fr, Portraits of the three kings of Belgium, the two Leopolds and Albert. Printed on white, unwatermarked paper and perforated 14.

Adhesives.

1c
2c
5c green.
10c carmine.
20c violet.
25c blue.
35c
40c green and black.
50c lake and black.
1fr
2fr
5fr
10fr

Mr. Braun sends used specimens, which are postmarked, "Ste. Adresse, Poste Belge-Belgische Post" and the date, instead of the special Havre postmark recently used.

Ewen's Weekly quotes *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that the current stamps will not be valid for postal use after the 15th Oct., 1915. From the 15th Oct., the office at "Havre Special" open to the selling of Belgian stamps, will be transferred to a department in the premises of Dufayel, Place Frederic Sauvage. The address of this new office is as follows: "Saint-Adresse-Poste-Belge Belgische-Poste." On this date the new series of Belgian stamps, post-cards and letter-cards will be issued, comprising all the ordinary denominations now in use, and in addition a stamp of 15c and one of 10fr. The values of the previous issue, except the Red Cross stamps, will not be circulated after the 15th Oct. Any correspondence sent after the 14th Oct., and stamped with the old issue, will be considered as insufficiently paid, and taxed in consequence.

BULGARIA.—The latest entires of this country have the obverse divided by a vertical line and the sender's address in two lines, according to Mr. Schachne.

Post Card.

5s dark green on white.

Letter Cards.

5s yellow green on greenish gray.
10s carmine on bluish gray.

CAMEROONS.—Ewen's Weekly states: We learn that none of the recent issue with overprint "C. E. F." and value in English currency have been sold unused, excepting to the Officers of the Expeditionary Force, who were allowed seven sets, or the equivalent of about £5 face value, at the time first issued. Residents on the spot up to the present have not been able to purchase, and have to hand in their letters for posting, which may or not have stamps affixed by the despatch clerk. Indeed an extraordinary state of affairs. Until this recent issue in July last, all mail matter was conveyed without charge whilst the Postal Service has been in the hands of the Military Authorities. The service is now possibly in transition stage, and there may be no sale of stamps over the Post Office counter until the Military have relinquished control. Interesting developments may be expected shortly.

A correspondent writes: "My brother-in-law confirms that the C. E. F. stamps were not sold unused to anybody except the Military, and as he is a civilian the Postmaster refused to supply him. He also confirms that the Officers of the Forces were each entitled to be supplied with seven unused sets. The remainder of stock is being held for postal purposes. Civilians have to hand in their letters at the Post Office and pay the postage, and the stamps are attached by a black clerk. A notice to this effect is exhibited in the Offices. While my relative watched, the counter clerk having started to use a sheet of a certain value did not commence with another until all the stamps of the first sheet were disposed of. The customer therefore had no voice or control as to the denomination placed on his letter. The last eight letters or cards I have are each franked with two 1/2d on 3pf brown stamps.

"A word in respect of letters posted for some months past marked 'No stamp available.' Nothing has been charged on these either at time of dispatch or delivery. Therefore, letters home to England have been free of cost. Rather a long journey for nothing!"

Another correspondent sends an en-

This Week's Offers:

	Cat. price.	My price
251 U. S. 1894, 2c carm. triangle II	.15	.06
245 2c carmine, triangle I	.15	.06
246 2c carm. triangle II	.15	.06
17 Australia 1913, 1p carmine	.03	
*47a Belgium 25c blue, imperf.	1.25	
47a 25c blue imperf. blk. of four	5.00	
24 Cyprus 6pi olive gray, die A.	1.25	.35
23 Costa Rica 1889, 1c rose	2.50	.60
209 Egypt 5m carmine	.75	.35
105 Hayti '04, 10c orange brown	.20	.08
108b 1906, 1c on 20c orange, inverted surcharge	.25	.10
302 Honduras, '13 2c carmine (B)	.15	.10
303 5c ultramarine (B)	.15	
304 5c ultramarine (R)	.15	
310 10c on 20c on 1c	.15	
27 India, Patiala '02, 3p carmine	12	.05
67 Sirmoor '92, 1a blue	2.50	.50
43 Jamaica '05, 3p olive green	.12	.05
318 Liberia '09, 75c purple & black	.50	.20
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5 var. Kansas City	.50
4 var. Lincoln	.50

Dr. W. I. Mitchell, 603 Beacon Bldg., Wichita, Kans.

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1902, 1-15c, incl. 13c, .06; " .55
Dues, 1-10c, .03; " .25
Pan Pacific, 1-10c, .05; " .45
Span. War, 1/2c-\$5 uncut " .25; " 2.20

M. Tansig, 1:97 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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FRANK E. GOODWIN, [09]
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velope which was one of a number placed through the post expecting to obtain some of the stamps duly used. All came through postmarked but without stamps. It looks as though the black clerks, or possibly their employers, have some cleverness quite new. Having found the touch-stone to excite the greatest eagerness to acquire the stamps, considerable revenue can be netted without using stamps or very few. Is the Official Control beyond reproach or question and no consideration of responsibility acknowledged other than the actual delivery of mail matter? Then why if stamps are not at present necessary, to have issued any, or if necessary to have fenced them if only for awhile? The riddle appears to be a gamble and not a fair and open one at that. The Officers who arrived from the West Coast on leave in August asked £30 per set, face value 13s 3 1/2d. Time certainly was required to endeavour to unload holdings at such expectation, but the market was not so enamoured and there has been a fall.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Charles W. A. Braun has shown us the surcharged 5c Officials, the 1915 Provisionals, with double surcharge normal, the same with capital "I" for "I" in one "Habilitado,"

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*Mex., Madero, Sept. 16 issue, 5 var., .12 Panama 1915, Pictorial, 1/2, 1, 2, .05 The Precancel Co., 1136 Jeff., Salem, Oreg.

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Allow 32 letters to the line. [tf]

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and another with one surcharge inverted.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Evidently the English printers are having their troubles also with the dyestuff shortage, as *Ewen's Weekly* reports various new shades in the current stamps, the latest being the 1/2d in dull apple green.

MEXICO.—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. has shown us full sets of the Madero stamps, illustrated in MEKEEL's last February. These were in use as late as Oct. 9, for the Hussman Co. submits a registered cover mailed at Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, thus postmarked, with additional postmarks at El Paso, Texas, Oct. 11, and St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 13. They were evidently issued both perforated and imperforate.

Adhesives.

1c green.
2c purple.
3c red brown.
5c blue.
10c orange.

There are different shades of all values, and as a rule, the imperforate specimens are deeper in tone than the perforated.

NEW ZEALAND.—*Ewen's Weekly* has the following regarding the new stamps: A letter dated August 17, to hand from our correspondent reads: "I had great difficulty in getting anything like well centred stamps, and had to go through a large number of all values to find and send you the best. In regard to the perforations I cannot get to the bottom of this. The 1/2d are all perforated 14x15, done with the old comb-machine, but the remainder vary, most of them being 14x13 1/2. I have seen one sheet of the 3d perf. 14x14 1/2, and have in my possession one block of four which shows one pair 14x13 1/2 and the other 14x14 1/2. How to account for it I do not know. The colours are very rich as you will have seen, but clash somewhat at night particularly the 6d and 1sh. I enclose entires with used 1st day of issue, July 30/15, which may be of interest to you, etc."

With the possibility of confusion re the colours, more distinctive shades are likely to be determined with further printings, and collectors should not miss the opportunity of making certain at once of the set in the first colours. Several of the perf. varieties will likely prove scarce.

Since the list quoted in No. 835 of *Ewen's Weekly* we have carefully examined all the sheets remaining on hand and can now tabulate the perf. varieties found.

Perf. 14x15. 1/2d bright green
Perf. 14x13 1/2. 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d
4 1/2d, 6d, 7 1/2d, 9d, 1sh
Perf. 14x14. 2d, 3d, 4d, 9d
Perf. 14x14 1/2. 2d, 3d, 4d, 9d
In certain sheets of the 2d, 3d, 4d and 9d values there were two different perf.

Poster Stamp Bulletin free if you agree to subscribe or return. BEEBE, Yonkers, N.Y. [tf]

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Approvals? SEYD, 874 Broadway, N.Y. C. [98]

measurements in the sheets of 120 stamps, the first four rows being 14x 13 1/2, the remaining six 14x14.

OUBANGUI CHART TCHAD.—Still another new country for the catalogue, the stamps of Middle Congo having received the above name in overprint, according to *Lemaire's Journal*.

Togo.—The domestic single and reply cards of this heretofore German colony have been surcharged in three black lines, "Anglo-French occupation, One Halfpenny" and "Occupation franco-anglaise, 5 Centimes", thus creating four new varieties, according to the report of Mr. Schachne.

Post Cards.

1/2d on 5pf green on buff; English surcharge, 1/2x1/2d on 5x5pf green on buff; English surcharge.

5c on 5pf green on buff; French surcharge, 5x5c on 5x5pf grn. on buff; French surcharge.

The Boston Philatelic Society.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322, Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P.M.

November 8, 1915.

The 346th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., will be held at the Club Room on Tuesday evening, Nov. 16th, at 8.15 P. M., preceded by an informal dinner at the Quincy House at 6 P. M.

There will be a contest for which the members are to submit the 10 most interesting covers which they have. Three ribbons offered by the New England Stamp Co. will be awarded as prizes, the winners to be decided by the vote of those present. Five entries will be necessary in order to award all three ribbons. A special prize of a cover will be given for the most interesting single cover entered, the winner to be decided by vote and each entrant will receive a stamp not in his collection.

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Meeting of November 4, 1915. The following members were present: Mrs. Held and Messrs. Denzau, Herrmann, Jancovich, Koller, Klein, Lehmann, Meininger, Mouhib, Moye, Mozier and Schlesinger and Mr. Weiss, former President of the National Philatelic Society. The Treasurer reported \$127.66 in the treasury. Nominations were made for next year's officers, to be elected at the December 2nd meeting. In the competition, Mr. Jancovich won with his general collection, giving him equal chance with Mr. Schlesinger to win the Silver Cup. A good auction sale concluded the meeting. Next meeting, November 18th, open exchange. Visitors welcome. At the December 2nd meeting, Mr. John A. Klemann will favor us with a view of his superb collection of Confederate States of America.

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1864 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New member: 237, Norris, Henry Pepper, West Chester Pa.

Nothing else to report.

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5c blue, No. 54	.12
6c brown, No. 55	.60
8c dark violet, No. 56	.25
10c brown violet, No. 57	.30
15c steel blue, No. 58	.25
20c vermilion, No. 59	.35
50c blue, No. 60	.65
1898, ¼ to 10c, Nos. 74 to 81	.60
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1901, 20c olive, No. 87	.35
1902, 7c yellow, No. 88	.12

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WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 2729 Hampden Court, Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through the columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

PHILATELY IN THE WEST.

By BILL BLOSS.

Of course, on our recent visit to the Pacific Coast, we must keep in touch with stamp matters at all times, and look up all the "stamp bugs" in the places we visit. Hence, as soon as the dust of the desert had been removed from our person, and we had given the "up and down" to the palm trees along the streets, we settled down to explore Philatelic Los Angeles.

First of all, the writer called on B. W. H. Poole, and inspected his large stock, especially strong in rare errors and pieces seldom seen. Through Mr. Poole, I became acquainted with the other leading collectors and dealers in the city. Mr. Poole shares the field with several other dealers. While Los Angeles has a warm climate the year around and offers strong inducements for out-door sports, she is well represented in the realms of Philately.

Among the dealers, Mr. Poole probably has the largest stock. Mr. Goodman, of the Palm Stamp Company, has a very nice stock of the cheaper and medium priced varieties, and his counter-books prove very popular with the local collectors. The Los Angeles Stamp & Coin Co. also carries a nice stock and does considerable business. Mr. L. M. Passmore conducts a nice wholesale and retail business, from his motor-cycle emporium. Probably all readers are familiar with the advertisements of Payn, who specializes in the cheaper grade of approvals, and does a large volume of business.

Business conditions on the Pacific Coast are very favorable. The chief trouble lies in the shortage of desirable stock, a difficulty faced by all dealers, but stronger on the Coast than elsewhere, owing to the distance from the Eastern markets. The enterprising wholesale dealer should be able to do considerable business in this territory, if he will take the trouble to communicate with the dealers, and offer them desirable stock. The ready sales should pay for the delay caused by the distance. The Southern California buyers are even freer with their money than those in many of the other sections. Perhaps this is accounted for by the number of men who have accumulated their earthly pile and moved to that fair country to spend said pile. Los Angeles, Pasadena, and the surrounding country offer great inducements as a play-ground for the rich, and what is more natural than that stamp collecting be included in the play?

The Mexican Revolutionaries were a close second to U. S. in popularity in that section, probably because of the nearness of the battle-ridden republic.

A prominent collector of L. A. recently purchased the very large collection of an Eastern specialist for a handsome sum.

Leaving Los Angeles, I journeyed further into the South to San Diego, and the Exposition. The Exposition grounds and buildings are as near to Paradise as I have ever been. Philately was, to my knowledge, unrepresented at this Fair with the exception of the Exposition postmark, and this is scarcely to be included as a philatelic item. A post office was maintained on the grounds.

Taking an auto from San Diego, the writer rode eight miles, across the International Boundary to Tia Juana, Mexico. The International Boundary consists of a wire fence in poor repair, and is the terminal point on the North of good roads, and law and order. After being shook up for a quarter of a mile, we were held up by a genial Mexican customs officer, who it is safe to say, never took in a cent in revenue in his life, and inspected thoroughly for smuggled arms. Soon we reached the town, an adobe affair, very dry, very hot, and very, very dusty. We passed the Fort, where some twenty privates and two or three generals were ready to defend it for Sr. Villa. The fort is also of 'dobe, built in blocks and veneered with a sort of stucco which was peeling badly in spots. An efficient general had cut a door and two windows in one corner, entering into his office, to save the steps necessary to leave by the main gate. This will, of course, give the enemy an easy access to the interior, and probably save the place from destruction, which could be done without a great deal of ammunition. We were cautioned not to photograph the fort, so of course we all did it. After buying the usual post cards to overwhelm our less fortunate friends at home with the importance of our travels, and a casual inspection of the "Fair" with its gambling devices, cock fights, and "hooch" dancers, (of which we saw none, it being in the morning) the writer separated himself from the crowd and made way to the Oficinas de Correos. The smiling postmaster was about to close the office for luncheon, but was persuaded to keep it open by my urgent waving of a dollar bill and my shouts of "Estampillas" and "Pesos". He smiled in good natured contempt at my attempts at Spanish. (My vocabulary in that language consists only of the words Nina, Senorita, and a few kindred words not usually spoken to postmasters. I said, "Estampillas por un collecion," and he grinned and said, "Si", and produced a beautifully decorated card of one of every kind of stamp on sale at the office. I pointed out the ones I wanted, and he smilingly, as usual, procured them for me, taking great care to give me nice copies and even to pick me out tete-

beche pairs of the Coach Seal issue.

The set was made up of a few values of the \$ surcharge, some of the monogram (Villa) and the Coach Seal series. I tried to reason with him in English and Spanish that I wanted a "Cinco Peso", but he said it was above the limit of the office. (At least it sounded like that to me.) He carefully put them in an envelope for me, and even went so far as to offer me a lovely hand-rolled Mexican cigarette, but as I preferred to die a natural death, I declined it. I was told by our chauffeur later that the courtesy was because he had probably sold me more stamps than had been used in the office in the previous month. The town consists of two hundred inhabitants (estimated) and a post office is not the busiest place in town. However, the gentlemen showed me far more courtesy than I have found in many of our own country's post offices.

After having steeped myself in a mess of Chile and yonions, with a couple of real tamales, I proceeded back to the old U. S. A., where I disclosed my purchases to a U. S. customs officer who probably also never took in any revenue, and to show him there were no hard feelings, offered to start him collecting if he would write me. (This because he seemed to manifest concern in my sanity at spending \$2.16 for perfectly useless Mex stamps.)

The next place visited was San Francisco, the city of fogs and home of the finest exposition ever held. Here the stamp business is even more active than in Southern California. Messrs. Doscher, Seeborn, and Stern each have down-town ground floor stores, and all reported business as fine. Mr. Seeborn, assisted by his brother, conducts the Postage Stamp Company. They carry a very nice line of stamps and accessories, and also conduct auctions at intervals. Mr. Seeborn is versed in several languages.

Mr. Stern, of the Imperial Stamp Co., has but recently entered the business, but he is a live wire, and already has gathered a nice stock of the hard-to-get stamps.

Mr. Doscher has one of the finest stocks on the Coast. We only had a few minutes to spend with him, but in that time, he showed us part of the Crocker collection of German States, and last, but not least, his little 'private stock', containing some magnificent items in early issues and curious and odd pieces, all in superb condition. This 'private stock' is the result of several years' work, and he absolutely refuses to sell anything in it, much to our sorrow. However, Mr. Doscher is not the only dealer who indulges in these fine things, and who refuses to sell them, so we heartily excuse him.

Unfortunately, time was too limited to allow us to call on the other dealers in San Francisco. We stopped at Salt Lake and Colorado Springs, but philately is not heavily represented in either of these points.

Philately at the Fair will be taken up at an early date.

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Dominican Rep.	1899, Jub. 20c brn*		.75	.28
Dominican Rep.	1901, 1p brn. and			.69
Dominican Rep.	violet* Scarcestmp.	2.00		
Dominican Rep.	1915, 5 on 20c brn*			.45
Dominican Rep.	No. 151*. Scarce	1.00		
Dominican Rep.	1905, 10 on 20c brn*			.39
Dominican Rep.	No. 152 Scarce	1.00		
Dominican Rep.	1906, 50c brn & blk.	1.25		.45
Dominican Rep.	1911, 20c olv. & blk*			.17
Dominican Rep.	" 50c brn. & blk*	.75		.28
Dominican Rep.	1915, 12.5, 10c Prov.			.22
Dominican Rep.	1906, 1p violet &			.72
Dominican Rep.	blk.* Scarcestmp	2.50		
Dominican Rep.	1911, 1p violet &			.49
Dominican Rep.	blk.* Good stamp	1.50		
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Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels Co. report the following new envelopes:

B.No.	Denom.	Die Var.	Size.	Paper.	Knife
—	2c	A	5	Buff	87
—	2c	A	7	Amber	51
—	1c	A	3	White	92
2185A	2c	A2	1	Amber	46
2669B	2c	B	3	Amber	92
—	1c	D	13	Buff	89
—	2c	A	3	Amber	92

The Sterling Stamp Co. has also shown us a block of the 3c with red backs as noted in No. 1291.

BELGIUM.—We are now able to supply the missing colors in last week's chronicle of the new Belgian stamps, and we repeat the whole list for purposes of reference.

Adhesives.

1c orange.
2c dark brown.
5c green.
10c carmine.
15c bright violet.
20c deep violet.
25c blue.
35c red brown and black.
40c green and black.
50c lake and black.
1fr violet.
2fr deep slate green.
5fr deep blue.
10fr brown.

Post Cards.

5c green on pale yellow.
5x5c green on pale yellow.
10c carmine on pale blue.
10x10c carmine on pale blue.

Letter Cards.

10c carmine on gray.
25c deep blue on pink.

BRAZIL.—The color of the current 200r stamp has been changed from dull blue to brilliant ultramarine.

Adhesive.

200r bright ultramarine.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke and the New England Stamp Co. have shown us the 2c value with moire overprint. This has just been issued, though announced some time since.

CUBA.—The color of the 10c map stamp has also been changed, a used copy having been shown us by Hermann

Focke. The stamp is now black brown instead of yellow brown.

Adhesive.

10c black brown.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Another value has been added to the locally printed series, the 5c appearing in the color of the 10c of the previous set, with the usual "1915" in red, specimens having been shown us by Hermann Focke.

Adhesive.

5c red violet, black and red.

EGYPT.—Evidently supplies of low value stamps are running low in Cairo, as the New England Stamp Co. has shown us a new provisional, which was issued Oct. 15. This was made by surcharging the 3m orange pictorial stamp with "2 Milliemmes" and Arabic characters in black, diagonally in two lines reading up.

Provisional Adhesive.

"2 Milliemmes" on 3m orange; black surcharge.

FRANCE.—L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that it is seriously being considered to issue a special stamp in order to prevent the people at the mobilised villages at the base to constantly send thousands of circulars to their clients, post free, in closed wrappers. By this means anyone has been able to advise friends of even trivial incidents. Regulations must be made to repay the military correspondence.

HAYTI.—A. W. Dunning writes entertainingly regarding recent happenings in the Republic:

"Under date of Nov. 1, my correspondent writes 'Running out of 1c Interior stamps, the postal authorities have surcharged Scott's No. 101 with "1" and frame in blue ink, also No. 107 with same overprint in red ink and a very limited number of No. 107 in blue ink.' I cannot at this time give you the numbers of either surcharge issued, but hope to do so later. In regard to the permanent (?) 'O. ZAMOR' issue, Scott's Nos. 219 to 234, I am informed that these have never been officially issued, but that a number were stolen from the Custom House during one of the recent uprisings. These stolen stamps probably constitute the supply now on the market (as listed and priced by Scott) but I

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have seen no evidence of their legitimate, they were interesting as an *Essay* only!"

HONDURAS.—Hermann Focke has shown us the 6c of the new issue, overprinted "Official" in red.

Official Adhesive.

6c deep purple and red.

MALTA.—The new 4d stamp has appeared, used copies being shown us by Hermann Focke. The design is the same design as the farthing stamp of 1900, but with the addition of "Postage" at the left and "Revenue" at the right, and the figures of value in shields in the lower corners. The color of the stamp brings out the beauty of the engraving, and the effect is very pretty.

Adhesive.

4d black.

MEXICO.—Philatelic history is also making fast just over the Southern border, the latest addition to the list being a new engraved 40c stamp, engraved and printed at the "Oficina del Gobierno, Mexico." This is one of the hand-somest stamps ever issued in that country, the main design being a large map of Mexico and adjacent waters, with "40" in each corner, "Correos—Mexico" at the top and "Centavos" printed twice at the bottom. The stamp is of large size, 31 1/2 x 22 mm., and is printed on white unwatermarked paper, and perforated 12. The *Albemarle Stamp Collector* sends for notice an unused copy, and Hermann Focke submits a used pair. The former states that stamps of 1, 5 and 10 pesos will be issued in the same design, but bi-colored. From the *Albemarle Stamp Collector* comes also a complete set of the new lithographed stamps, imperforate and overprinted "Official" in large Roman capitals. These are used by the Secretary of Communications and are not sold to the public. Sheets of the regular lithographed stamps have been found imperforate, with the possible exception of the 1c, about which we are not certain. This lithographed series is to be soon followed by an engraved series, for which the plates are now being prepared at the Government Printing Office, and not by the American Bank Note Co. as previously stated. All other issues are reported to have been demonetized.

Adhesive.

10c gray blue.

Official Adhesives.

1c violet blue.

2c green.

3c brown.

4c carmine.

5c orange.

10c ultramarine.

W. J. Stanton corrects the Chronicle regarding the issue of special stamps for the state of Colima, and from the *Albemarle Stamp Collector* we draw the following:

General Obregon in taking his army from Manzanillo to Guadalajara, issued stamps at the various post offices encountered, with a distinctive overprint in violet thus: "E. C.—TRANSITORIO".

The initials are for "Ejercito Constitucionalista" the inscription meaning "Constitutional Army in Transit."

The first of these stamps that came to this country were from Colima and therefore wrongly ascribed to that place. The 1c to 20c of 1910 issue exist. Several types of overprint having the same

significance were in use by armies in different parts of Mexico. The "Ejercito" issues could be quite properly classed under a special heading as distinct from the State issues of Sonora, and the provisionals authorized by the Constitutional Government.

The J. M. Bartels Co. and the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. have also shown us the new 40c engraved stamp.

NEW ZEALAND.—I. W. Risdon and D. F. Kelleher have shown us a novelty from New Zealand, evidently an adaptation of the Canadian idea of raising revenue through the use of postage stamps. This latest development is made by overprinting the new King George 1/2 stamp "War Stamp" across the lower part of the portrait and two large stars in the upper corners of the colored space. This is done in black. We are not yet definitely informed as to the restrictions on its use.

NORTHWEST PACIFIC ISLANDS.—Hermann Focke has shown us a couple of interesting covers from Rabaul. Both are registered, but while one, dated "Sept. 16," has the German Registration Label, without surcharge, the other, and the earlier one, dated "June. 8," has the same label surcharged "G. R. I.—3d" in two lines. The earlier surcharged label is numbered "999" while the other is numbered "8". In a small consignment of stamps from Rabaul under the later date, the 1d and 4d were missing, the latter being franked with 3d and 6d kangaroos, overprinted "N. W. Pacific Islands." Philatelic history is making fast in Oceania, interest being heightened by the possibility hoped for by every German sympathizer that the British occupation is only temporary.

PANAMA.—Bright & Son have shown us Scott's No. 201, printed in claret instead of orange. A few of these have also turned up in the Boston market and are being retailed at fancy prices. Information as to whether this is an error or change of color appears to be lacking. Bright and Son report having found "some" copies in a mixed lot of Panama stamps recently received from that country.

Adhesive.

1/2c claret.

SALVADOR.—The C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. has submitted complete sheets of the Salvador 1914 officials, Scott's Nos. 801 to 808, showing many minor varieties of type and broken letters and figures. One stamp on each sheet of the 17c, 50c and 100c having a figure "1" in place of the "I" in the value in words. This occurs on the first stamp of the second row, the stamps being all printed in sheets of 25 stamps, in five rows of five. Variations in the shape and size of the figures of value occur on nearly all the sheets, while on the 2c the "O" in "DOS" on the fourth stamp of the first row has a wrong font, or smaller letter. By the way, we note that Scott gives the color of the 17c as violet, whereas the printer would probably call it bronze blue.

Hermann Focke has shown us used copies of the 5c and 12c stamps, dated, "1915" as noted in No. 1291, with additional overprint "Official" in condensed Gothic caps, printed diagonally reading up.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

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—Through an inadvertence on our part we neglected to give Jesse T. Lillibridge, Cliftondale, Mass., credit for having shown us the 3c U. S. in the peculiar reddish tinge recently noted in our columns. Mr. Lillibridge feels that the credit of making this discovery belongs to him and in justice to him we wish to state that the new shade was first called to our attention through his kind offices.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from H. M. Slicer, Lyman F. Barry, H. W. Boers, B. W. Laird, Smith McGregor.

—We have received W. T. Wilson's latest list, showing a choice line of Belgian stamps. It is very comprehensive and well worth sending for if interested in the stamps of this country.

—Dr. J. T. Mann sends us an advertising postmark consisting of the regular flag cancellation and the following in five lines:—"7th Annual Convention—Southern—Commercial Congress—Charlestown, S. C.—Dec. 13-17, 1915."

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Mr. Jewett does not take it back! The mistake is on the ad writer. However, we are willing that Mr. Saulnier should correct the impression that he is close to the century mark.

—We learn from the *Postage Stamp* that M. Z. Booleman, the Amsterdam, Holland, dealer is deceased. Mr. Booleman will be remembered well by many subscribers of the WEEKLY, having been a patron of our advertising columns for many years. He was in his 50th year.

—H. A. Ramsden, manager of the Jun Kobayagawa Co. for many years, died last January, but we do not recall that we have noted the fact in the WEEKLY. Mr. Ramsden was a strong factor in the business of the company and was the editor of the quarterly magazine published by the firm above mentioned. This magazine has now been discontinued because of the inability of the firm to secure anyone to fill Mr. Ramsden's place.

—Clifford W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., president of the S. P. A., spent Nov. 8-9 and part of the 10th with C. V. Webb, secretary S. P. A., Perry, Ohio, at the home of the latter.

—It will be of interest to dealers to learn that at the Reading S. P. A. convention 10c from the regular 25c initiation fee from each applicant was voted to the Recruiting Chairman, Albert E. Gorham, to thoroughly investigate the references and the reliability of each applicant. This will make the S. P. A. number even more valuable as a ref-

erence. The keynote of the present year is quantity of members and quality of members; but not one without the other. The S. P. A. has 1105 members with 25 applications pending.

FOR PHILATELIC RELIEF FUND.

I will ask you to please bring the enclosed letter to the attention of the Chicago Philatelic Society and to Mr. Chas. E. Severn, and to any others who might be interested in the matter proposed.

My idea which I proposed to Mr. Wolsieffer to incorporate with one of his sales, and which I now turn over to the Chicago Philatelic Society for approval and prompt action, since Mr. Wolsieffer cannot act, is this:

1st—Some society or firm to hold a "Red Cross" auction sale about Christmas or New Years with the motto "Peace on earth, good will toward men".
 2nd—Stamps (etc.) to be donated for this auction by individuals, firms and societies from anywhere.

3rd—Such donator may specify particular Red Cross Society to be benefited, as "English", "German", "French", etc., etc.

4th—Net proceeds from such sale to be distributed to the various Red Cross societies in Europe, according to amount realized in each section.

5th—To attempt to secure cooperation of other philatelic societies in America, and the cooperation of the Philatelic Press in notices and in donation of advertising space or reduced rates therefor.

6th—While not essential, it might be politic to have a representative of some Chicago newspaper or press association associated on Auction Committee, and have the auction open to the public at large.

As the philatelic press reaches at best a limited number, the Red Cross Auction Committee should endeavor to enlist the secular and religious press also, as many old and forgotten stamp collections may be donated.

7th—Some member of philatelic societies in other cities, as Detroit, Cleveland, etc., etc., be appointed on Red Cross auction committee. In that way a friendly rivalry may be instituted as to which city or society will donate largest amount of stamps, etc., etc.

No doubt the C. P. S. can suggest other plans to advance this idea, and a city so cosmopolitan as Chicago should support each section of the Red Cross, both in donations and in bids.

The friendliness among stamp collectors in general, and the "fellow feeling" that makes one wondrous kind" seems to me to need a medium for its expression, and this Red Cross auction at a time when we are enjoying Christmas festivities while fellow philatelists are suffering in the hospitals or freezing in the trenches, would give an outlet for the humanitarian spirit in all stamp collectors, and who—as a class—have not yet been appealed to!

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EDITORIAL.

War Relief—A philatelist of many years' standing, Mr. W. G. Windhurst, Marion, Ohio, animated by the most kindly of instincts, it is not necessary to say, has proposed a plan for philatelic co-operation with the object of contributing to the relief measures instituted by the Red Cross in the countries at war. While Mr. Windhurst in his formulations which we hope to publish elsewhere in this number, speaks with especial attention to the philatelist-soldier, he does not mean that the collectors in the ranks are to be the sole beneficiaries. It is apparent that it would be inexpedient to attempt to resort to limitations of the kind. Basically, the proposal is practical and with a few alterations that may present themselves when the plan is in operation, results will be forthcoming. Needless to say, the WEEKLY will do all in its power to further the work, which properly could be undertaken by the Chicago Philatelic Society in conjunction with other local societies. The time is almost too short, we should say, to have the movement at full tide at the time specified by our correspondent, but this detail need not affect the results of the work.

Our Idea—The WEEKLY tries to do a part in humanitarian work of the kind indicated in the foregoing paragraph, but it has not undertaken to stand sponsor for any philatelic movement. However, its publishers have shared in the prosecution of general relief work and the editor, speaking from experience in working for the benefit of a war fund, may say that time is the essence of successful accomplishment. It must be remembered that an immediate start should be made on the philatelic fund for collectors, as part of the public, constantly are being invited to contribute to war funds in increasing number. If, by any chance, the philatelic fund does not realize the most sanguine expectations of its originator, we shall attribute the disappointment to the liberality with which collectors as well as public have given to general funds.

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So It Goes—"Why do you not run a Saddest Moment symposium? You have troubles enough of your own? My Saddest Moment was when as a boy, I pasted most of my stamps in a new International Album given me by my parents, only to have the smart Aleck neighbor's boy say before all our folks that most of the specimens were in 'wrong.' I can still hear the hateful guffaws and raucous taunts of the kid as he gloated over my embarrassment."

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In Sooth—This week, the merry wights are having an inning. One mad wag really has the effrontery to write: "Our little girl swallowed (rully and truly) an unused Indian that fell off an approval sheet. This event in itself is enough to command a bit of your space. However, I now wish to ask if the tiny tot has become part Indian?" If our opinion is asked about the father who sent in the "news", we should say that he has been feasting off one shilling prunes of Turks Islands.

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Out With It—We did not have to pay telegraph tolls on the following bit of momentous news which is presented merely to show that the movie censors are still on the job. In a list of censor "cut-outs" in newly released pictures, we find: "The Woman Pays (Metro-Columbia). Two views of stamped envelope."

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New Mexicans—We have received a clipping from a Mexican newspaper that shows enlarged cuts of the forty centavos and the one peso* of the permanent set of the republic of Mexico. The one peso shows a reproduction of the "Edificio de Faros, Vera Cruz"; and a map of Mexico is shown on the other stamp. A copy of the forty centavos which is before us is a creditable production and bears the imprint in common with the other values, "Oficina del Gobierno Mexico." The stamp in question has a substantial appearance, is line-engraved and evidently is an earnest of the character of the other values of the set.

Issued in 1868—From Mr. A. N. Reggio, Boston, we have received the following letter: "Among some old papers and books I found recently, an old stamp catalogue, being the second edition of the catalogue of Stafford Smith & Company, North Street, London, date of issue, 1868. There are 1947 stamps listed as having been issued up to date and it is the editor's opinion that the number is correct. To this catalogue is appended the first issue (Vol. I, No. 1) of the *Philatelist*, published December 1st, 1866, three pence monthly. The advertisements are very interesting, being of the wholesale order for the most part." Mr. Reggio has copied a list of two or three dozen stamps with prices, unused and used, from this old catalogue that are examples of the modest valuations placed in 1866, on the desirable stamps of today. For instance, the twelve pence Canada is offered for twelve shillings, six pence, unused; and the three pfennig Saxony for three and six, new, and a bare shilling used. The Sydney Views are valued at from two and six to four and six pence. The record prices are appended to the three, four and five pesos, Buenos Ayres, ship type, which are priced at thirty-five, sixty-three and sixty-three shillings, unused, respectively, and considerably cheaper used. That standard rarity, the three lire Tuscany, provisional government, now listed at three hundred dollars, was quoted at forty-two shillings, unused. In the U. S. section, the ten cent of '47 is given at three and six unused and at less than half this price used. The twenty-four cent, thirty and ninety cent, 1851 (undoubtedly the perforated stamps), are tagged at two, two and six and five shillings, six pence, respectively, unused; and at about half the prices canceled, the twenty-four cent used being but three pence or six cents. The ninety cent, 1861, is given the same valuation.

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Somehow We Cannot Place Them—From Bangor, Maine, Mr. W. B. Gould writes: "I am sending you three Moose Stamps (so-called), 1c green, 3c brown, and 5c blue. I recently discovered these despatch stamps in a friend's old collection. It seems that they were issued many years ago and I should like to get something of a history of them. Perhaps, some of your readers can give data on these stamps from Chesuncook Lake. It is not impossible that they are a sort of fore-runner of 'Moose Party' and in some way connected with ex-President Roosevelt when he was young and came to Maine Forests for moose and bear." The central design of the stamps is a moose head, under the legend, "Tourists' Despatch"; above is "Chesuncook Lake", and below figure of value which also is expressed in words. We think we remember having seen the stamps before, but when and where?

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I notice in your issue of the 6th inst., a note on the Canadian stamps surcharged "R" in black by a rubber stamp or wood block, together with the explanation that this surcharging was done by the stamp user to make postage stamps available for revenue purposes.

I have before me a copy of Bill 76, as passed by The House of Commons, 27th March, 1915, known as the Special War Revenue Act, 1915. In this Act, Section 12, Part 3, refers to stamp tax on cheques and certain other instruments; Section 13, on Money Orders, Letters and Post Cards; Section 14, Stamp Duties on Articles in Bottles and Packages. In each of these sections, the taxes mentioned may be paid by "an adhesive stamp."

Section 19, sub-section 3, says in full: "Postage stamps of the requisite value may, in lieu of stamps prepared under sub-section 1 of this section, be used in fulfillment and discharge of any requirement under this part that adhesive stamps be affixed."

It is not necessary to surcharge postage stamps used as revenue stamps, in fact, half the banks and druggists in small towns use postage stamps in the ordinary way, and if some users have seen fit to surcharge or cancel the postage stamps with the letter "R," I do not think that it constitutes a variety on either postage or revenue stamps.

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\$200,000 STAMP COLLECTION SOLD.

(Just as we go to press the Nassau Stamp Co. wires us to change their advertisement announcing the purchase of the Earl of Crawford's United States collection. This is a marvelous stroke of enterprise upon the part of the Nassau Stamp Co., and we congratulate the firm upon negotiating this great transaction. We presume in due season our columns will reflect more fully the extent of the purchase. The clipping below reaches us from Herman W. Boers and others.—Ed.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The famous collection of American postage stamps made by Alexander Edward Lindsay, the late earl of Crawford, has been purchased by a New York dealer and is now in this country. The collection is said to have cost the late earl \$200,000. It was sold by his son, who succeeded to the title.

In addition to the stamps, the collection contains a complete history of American postal issues, in which the stamps are traced from the artist's original drawings to the finished issues.

The earl arranged his collection and wrote the history of it while traveling about the world on board his cruising yacht, the Valhalla. In addition to the American stamps, he owned also a collection of British stamps and another of miscellaneous issues, both of which have been sold.

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227 1903, 2c carmine	.08	.04
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Tunis	1906, 1fr red and brown, a handsome stamp...	.25	.11
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B. W. Laird sends us a clipping from the Denver Times which is of more than ordinary interest to collectors in that it states that Henry N. Mudge for a long time resident in Chicago, where he was connected with the Rock Island and Pacific, will hereafter be located in Denver.

At a meeting of the directors of the Denver and Rio Grande held at New York, recently, the general offices of the company were removed from St. Louis to Denver and Mr. Mudge has been placed in charge as head of the system. He expects to assume his duties at Denver at once. The clipping sent us by Mr. Laird announces that "Mr. Mudge has a hobby in the collecting of stamps and has a large and valuable collection." His many friends will congratulate him heartily upon his succession to the post of operating chief of this big railway system, but Chicago will certainly miss him.

A NO. NIGERIAN ODDITY.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. kindly send us an unused copy of the Georgian Ten Shillings, green and red on green, which presents some most curious features. Our friends call it a part "double-print"; and so it is, but the double printing is of the uncoloured parts of the impression.

Take the word "POSTAGE" on the left—above the top outline of the letters appear the upper parts of the same letters, so that in the "o" we get an uncoloured thick curve, then a thin line of colour, and then an entire letter. Some of the thicker lines of the design are split up into two thin ones; parts of the ornamentation, particularly on the left, are in duplicate; and the King's profile has an extra, somewhat faint, additional outline. The peculiarity is less noticeable on the right-hand side of the stamp.

We know something of the process of printing, and can understand the second impression, in a double print, obliterating some of the "white" parts of the first; but here we get the "white" parts doubled to the apparent elimination of some of the coloured portions of the first print.—S. C. Fortnightly.

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	2kr black, No. 3	.30
	6kr brown, No. 6	.02
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1858	2kr yellow, No. 7	.55
	3kr black, No. 9	2.00
	3kr green, No. 10	1.50
	10kr brown, No. 12	.05
	15kr blue, No. 13	.04
1861	2kr yellow, No. 14	.50
	3kr green, No. 15	.22
	10kr brown, No. 17	.03
	15kr blue, No. 18	.03
1863	2kr yellow, No. 19	.75
	3kr green, No. 20	.50
1864	2kr yellow, No. 24	.50
	3kr green, No. 25	.08
	10kr blue, No. 27	.04
	15kr yellow brown, No. 28	.03
1867	25kr grey lilac, No. 34	.20
1877	*25kr grey lilac, No. 34	.20
	*50kr brown, No. 40	.50
1883	20kr grey, No. 45	.03
	50kr lilac, No. 46	.35
1890	20kr olive, No. 58	.03
	24kr grey blue, No. 59	.03
	50kr violet, No. 61	.03
	1gld blue, No. 62	.03
1896	2gld carmine, No. 63	.03
	2gld lilac, No. 68	.03
	2gld green, No. 69	.03
1900	40kr green, No. 79	.02
	1k carmine, No. 82	.02
	2k lilac, No. 83	.02
	4k grey green, No. 84	.02
1902	35kr green, No. 85	.02
1908	5kr bistre & violet, No. 125	.06
	10k blue, bistre & brown, No. 126	.80
1910	1h black, No. 127, used or unused	.18
	2h violet, No. 128, used or unused	.18
	3h magenta, No. 129, used or un'd	.18
	5h green, No. 130, used or unused	.04
	6h buff, No. 131, used or unused	.18
	10h rose, No. 132, used or unused	.05
	12h scarlet, No. 133, used or un'd	.18
	20h chocolate, No. 134, used or un'd	.18
	25h blue, No. 135, used or unused	.06
	30h olive gr'n, No. 136, used or un'd	.18
	35h slate, No. 137, used or unused	.18
	50h green, No. 138, used or unused	.22
	60h carmine, No. 139, used or un'd	.25
	1k purple, No. 140, used or unused	.35
	*2k lake & green, No. 141	1.35
	*5k bistre & violet, No. 142	2.25
	*10k blue, bistre & brown, No. 143	5.00
1913	27h brown, No. 144	.03
1858	1kr lilac, No. 208	1.00
1900	2h blue, No. 213	.02
	6h orange, No. 214	.02
	10h brown, No. 215	.02
	20h brown, No. 216	.02
1908	2h blue, No. 217	.01
	6h orange, No. 218	.01
	10h carmine, No. 219	.01
	20h brown, No. 220	.02
1914	5h green, No. 401	.03
	10h rose, No. 402	.04
1915	3h brown, No. 403	.02
	5h green, No. 404	.02
	10h rose, No. 405	.03
	20h blue, No. 406	.07
	35h ultramarine, No. 407	.10
1915	K. U. K. Feldpost, 1h olive-green	.03
	U. 451 used or unused	.03
	2h blue, No. 452	.03
	3h claret, No. 453	.04
	5h green, No. 454	.05
	6h grey, No. 455	.07
	10h rose, No. 456	.06
	12h olive-green, No. 457	.10
	20h orange-brown, No. 458	.10
	25h ultramarine, No. 459	.12
	30h orange-red, No. 460	.15

35h myrtle-green, No. 461	.18
40h violet, No. 462	.20
45h olive-brown, No. 463	.25
50h slate-blue, No. 464	.25
60h violet, No. 465	.30
72h dark-blue, No. 466	.35
1k brown-violet, No. 467	.45
2k dark green, No. 468	.70
3k carmine, No. 469	1.00
5k dark violet, No. 470	1.80
10k ultramarine, No. 471	4.50
(Complete set as above Nos. 451-467 unused) \$2.50	
K. U. K. Feldpost, permanent issue, 1h to 1kr, 17 vars., per set, unused	
2k dark green, unused	.65
3k carmine, unused	.85
5k dark violet unused	1.40
10k dark ultramarine, unused	2.80
1, 2 & 3h, used, per set	.04

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

1893	1kr brown, No. 525	\$.03
	2kr brown, No. 526	.03
	3kr brown, No. 527	.02
	5kr brown, No. 528	.02
	6kr brown, No. 529	.06
	7kr brown, No. 530	.07
	10kr brown, No. 531	.05
	20kr brown, No. 532	.08
	50kr brown, No. 533	.30
1900	1h brown, No. 534	.01
	2h brown, No. 535	.01
	3h brown, No. 536	.01
	5h brown, No. 538	.02
	6h brown, No. 539	.02
	10h brown, No. 540	.02
	12h brown, No. 541	.06
	15h brown, No. 542	.02
	20h brown, No. 543	.02
	40h brown, No. 544	.03
	100h brown, No. 545	.06
	1h brown, No. 546	.01
	2h brown, No. 547	.01
	3h brown, No. 548	.01
	4h brown, No. 549	.01
	5h brown, No. 550	.02
	6h brown, No. 551	.01
	10h brown, No. 552	.04
	12h brown, No. 553	.02
	15h brown, No. 554	.02
	20h brown, No. 555	.01
	40h brown, No. 556	.03
	100h brown, No. 557	.05
1908	1h carmine, No. 558	.01
	2h carmine, No. 559	.01
	4h carmine, No. 560	.01
	6h carmine, No. 561	.01
	10h carmine, No. 562	.04
	14h carmine, No. 562a	.01
	20h carmine, No. 563	.03
	25h carmine, No. 564	.03
	30h carmine, No. 565	.03
	50h carmine, No. 566	.03
	100h carmine, No. 567	.03
	5k violet, No. 568	.15
	10k violet, No. 569	.15
1867	2s yellow, unused, No. 1001	.07
	3s green, unused, No. 1002	.05
	5s red, unused, No. 1003	.07
	10s blue, used, No. 1004	.15
	15s brown, unused, No. 1005	.25
	25s grey, unused, No. 1006	.25
	50s brown, unused, No. 1007	.60
1883	2s brown, unused, No. 1008	.07
	3s green, unused, No. 1009	.07
	5s rose, unused, No. 1010	.10
	10s grey, unused, No. 1012	.18
	20s grey, unused, No. 1013	.40
	50s lilac, unused, No. 1014	.06
1886	10pa on 3s green unused, No. 1015	.04
	10pa on 3k green unused, No. 1016	.07
	20pa on 3k rose unused, No. 1017	.20
	2pi on 20k grey unused, No. 1018	.40
	5pi on 50k violet unused, No. 1019	.20
1890	8pa on 2k brown unused, No. 1020	.03
	10pa on 3k green unused, No. 1021	.03
	20pa on 5k rose unused, No. 1022	.04
	2pi on 20k olive unused, No. 1024	.20

1892	5pi	on 50k violet unused, No. 1025	.35
	2pi	on 20k olive-green used, No. 1026	.07
	5pi	on 50k violet unused, No. 1027	.40
	10pi	on 1gld blue unused, No. 1028	.70
1891	20pi	on 2gld carm. unused No. 1029	1.30
	10pi	on 1gld lilac unused, No. 1030	.70
	20pi	on 2gld unused, No. 1031	1.30
1900	10pa	on 5h green used, No. 1032	.02
	10pa	on 10h rose used, No. 1033	.03
	2pi	on 50h grey-blue used, No. 1035	.06
	5pi	on 1k carmine used, No. 1036	.06
	10pi	on 2k grey-lilac used, No. 1037	.25
	20pi	on 4k grey-green used, No. 1038	.35
	20pa	rose used, No. 1040	.05
1903	2pi	grey-blue used, No. 1042	.05
	30pa	violet unused, No. 1045	.06
1907	10pa	green used, No. 1046	.02
1908	20pa	claret used, No. 1047	.03
	30pa	brown used, No. 1048	.06
	1pi	deep-blue used, No. 1049	.02
	60pa	violet used, No. 1050	.07
	2pi	lake used, No. 1051	.04
	5pi	brown used, No. 1052	.07
	10pi	green, No. 1053	.15
	20pi	blue, No. 1054	.25
	1pi	ultramarine, No. 1058	.02
1913	5pi	on 100h green, No. 1104	.12

CRETE.

1903	10c on 10h rose unused, No. 1152	.04
	50c on 50h blue unused, No. 1154	.18
	1f unused, No. 1155	.35
	2f grey-lilac unused, No. 1156	.60
	4f on 4pa grey-green un'd, No. 1157	1.15
1904	10c on 10h carmine, un'd, No. 1159	.04
	25c on 25h unused ultra, No. 1160	.08
	50c on 50h dull-blue unused, 1161	.16
	15c violet unused, No. 1164	.05
	10c on 10h carm, No. 1163, unused	.04
1908	5c green unused, No. 1165	.02
	10c scarlet unused, No. 1166	.03
	15c brown unused, No. 1167	.06
	25c blue unused, No. 1168	.07
	50c lake unused, No. 1169	.15
	1f brown unused, No. 1170	.25
1912	5h green used, No. 1301	.03
	10h rose used, No. 1302	.04
	25h blue used, No. 1303	.07

LOMBARDY-VENICE.

1850	5c yellow No. 1, used	.70
	5c orange, No. 2, used	.70
	10c black used, No. 3	.50
	15c red used, No. 4	.03
	30c brown used, No. 5	.03
	45c blue used, No. 6	.05
1858	2s yellow used, No. 7	1.25
	3s black used, No. 8	1.50
	3s green used, No. 9	1.35
	10s brown used, No. 11	.08
	15s blue used, No. 12	.10
1861	5s red used, No. 13	.04
	10s brown used, No. 14	.18
1863	2s yellow used, No. 15	.90
	3s green used, No. 16	.75
	10s blue used, No. 18	.50
	17s brown used, No. 19	.60
1863	2s yellow used, No. 20	1.75
	3s green unused, No. 21	.10
	3s green used, No. 21	.35
	10s blue used, No. 23	.07
	15s brown used, No. 24	.20

BOSNIA.

1879	1/2n black used, No. 1	\$.10
	1n grey used, No. 2	.04
	1n lilac used, No. 3	.12
	2n yellow used, No. 4	.06
	3n green used, No. 5	.05
	10n blue used, No. 7	.02
	15n brown used, No. 8	.04
	10n green used, No. 9	.05
	25n violet used, No. 10	.13
1900	1h black used or unused, No. 11	.01
	2h green used or unused, No. 12	.01
	3h yellow used or unused, No. 13	.01
	5h green used or unused, No. 14	.02

	6h brown used or unused, No. 15	.02
	10h red unused, No. 16	.04
	20h rose used, No. 17	.06
	25h blue used, No. 18	.04
	30h bistre used, No. 19	.10
	40h orange used, No. 20	.18
	50h lilac used, No. 21	.05
	50h lilac unused, No. 21	.08
	1k rose unused, No. 22	.10
	2k ultramarine unused, No. 23	.25
	5k green unused, No. 24	.50
1901	20h pink unused, No. 25	.04
	30h bistre unused, No. 26	.06
	35h blue unused, No. 27	.06
	40h orange unused, No. 28	.08
	45h blue unused, No. 29	.08
1906	1h black used, No. 30	.01
	2h violet used, No. 31	.01
	3h olive used, No. 32	.01
	45h green used, No. 33	.01
	6h brown used, No. 34	.02
	10h carmine used, No. 35	.01
	20h brown used, No. 36	.02
	25h blue used, No. 37	.04
	30h green used, No. 38	.06
	35h green used, No. 39	.04
	40h orange used, No. 40	.03
	45h brown used, No. 41	.07
	50h violet used, No. 42	.04
	1k maroon used, No. 43	.12
	2k green used, No. 44	.20
	2k green unused, No. 44a	.20
	5k blue used, No. 45	.50
1910	1h black used, No. 46	.03
	2h violet used, No. 47	.03
1910	3h olive used, No. 48	.03
	5h green used, No. 49	.03
	6h brown used, No. 50	.03
	10h carmine used, No. 51	.03
	20h brown used, No. 52	.06
	25h blue used, No. 53	.07
	30h green used, No. 54	.10
	35h green used, No. 55	.12
	40h orange-red used, No. 56	.13
	45h red brown used, No. 57	.15
	50h violet used, No. 58	.15
	1k maroon used, No. 59	.30
	5k blue used, No. 61	1.50
1912	12h ultramarine used, No. 62	.04
	60h blue used, No. 63	.18
	72h carmine used, No. 64	.22
	1h olive green used, No. 65	.01
	2h blue used, No. 66	.01
	3h claret used, No. 67	.02
	5h green used, No. 68	.01
	6h grey used, No. 69	.02
	10h carmine used, No. 70	.01
	30h brown used, No. 72	.02
	25h blue used, No. 73	.05
	30h orange red used, No. 74	.04
	35h green used, No. 75	.03
	40h violet used, No. 76	.04
	45h brown used, No. 77	.04
	50h blue used, No. 78	.06
	60h violet used, No. 79	.05
	3k carmine used, No. 83	.75
	5k violet used, No. 84	1.00
1913	2h ultramarine used, No. 201	.01
	6h violet used, No. 202	.02
	10h rose used, No. 203	.03
	20h green used, No. 204	.06
1914	Charity 7h used or unused	.03
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By FRANK E. GOODWIN.

Department of State Stamps.

Probably the most popular of all the department stamps with collectors is the Department of State—unless it be that the stamps of the Department of Justice share the honor. This is due to the attractive coloring and handsome appearance. There is something about the shade which appeals to the collector, and a few pages of the stamps of State, if neatly arranged, make a showing that the collector is proud of.

The series consists of eleven values in cents and four values in dollars. The lower, or cents, denominations contain the same portraits and general designs as corresponding values in other Departments. The inscription, "Dept. of State," curves over the medallions containing the portraits. Large irregular initials "U. S." and labels of value are beneath the portraits.

Delivery of stamps was begun sometime between May 24, 1873, and July 1, of the same year. During this time, there were furnished by the contractors to the Department of State, 60,495 stamps.

The plates were all made by the Continental Bank Note Company, and all bear the imprint of that concern.

Four high values were made for transmitting state documents to foreign countries, they being \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20 in denomination. These stamps were about double the size of the other stamps—in other words the dollar values are as wide as the others are high, and about twice as high as the others are wide. All contain the portrait of William Seward.

The following plate numbers were made:

1c	No. 55	24c	No. 117
2c	No. 59	30c	No. 116
3c	No. 70	90c	No. 67
6c	No. 83	\$2 frame	No. 121
7c	No. 112	\$5 "	No. 120
10c	No. 98	\$10 "	No. 122
12c	No. 78	\$20 "	No. 124
15c	No. 118		

All dollar values were printed from vignette bearing plate number 123.

There were furnished between May 24, 1873, and December 31, 1873, the following number of stamps of the higher

values: \$2, 700; \$5, 700; \$10, 700; \$20, 700. Between December 31, 1873 and up to 1882, 3,508 of the \$2 value were supplied and 363 of the \$5, \$10 and \$20 values.

The stamps of the State Department are given to shades, those from 1 cent to 15 cents coming in dark yellow green, dark blue green, dark gray green and bright blue green. The 24 cents, 30 cents and 90 cents are listed in dark yellow green and dark blue green.

The \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20 come in green and black, and bluish green and black.

Few varieties are found, all being varieties of paper. They are "ribbed" paper, 2 cents; double paper, 3 cents and 10 cents. In soft paper the 15 cents and 30 cents are said to exist.

The stamps were overprinted "Specimen" with the following varieties: "Specimen" and the word "Specimen" with a small i instead of capital. Both varieties are very rare.

Post Office Department Stamps.

The portraits used in the designs of the other departments were not adopted for the stamps of the Post Office Department. From the nature of the use of the stamps, a different design was used, and while the effect is not displeasing to the collector, yet the stamps might be set aside by themselves, or made the rear guard of the department series.

A special design was used, consisting of large colored numerals of value, in an oval, with the words "Official" above and "Stamp" below. The inscription "Post Office Dept." curves above the oval containing the denomination, while the value is spelled out and occupies ribbons or panels underneath. Small colorless figures separate the amount of the value and the word "Cents." Initials "U" and "S" in shaded letters are placed in circles at the lower part of the stamps.

The series contains ten values from 1 cent to 90 cents. The 7 cent denomination was not needed. The stamps were first issued, along with others for similar departmental use, between May 24, 1873, and July 1 of the same year. During that time, there were furnished by the makers, 5,510,610 stamps of various denominations.

Hayti

The daily press announce the ratification, by the Haytian Senate, of a United States Protectorate over Hayti. Now the fun will commence. We have an extended check list of these stamps in the November Circular which anyone can have who asks for it—Meanwhile the very latest is:—

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1c in blue on 50c, "Poste Paye"	-	-	-	-	.10
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12h on 10h (1915) on 1906 issue	..	.05
Egypt, 2mil on 3mil surcharged05
Oubangui-Chari-Tchad Schgd. on Middle Congo, 1c to 1 Franc, 14 vars.	1.25
Belgium new series, 1c to 25c, 7 var., King Albert	.....	.25
35, 40, 50c historical buildings, 3 var.35
Mauritius, George, 5c at .03; 12c at06
Kelantan, \$1 green and brown80

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10 Brazil	5.000	"	24.82	" Swiss	.42
10 "	15.400	"	45.00	" Holland	.42
50 Asia	17.500	"	47.75	" France	.42
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30 "	24	"	.9	8 Hong Kong	.38
50 "	45	"	30	15 Argentina	.11
75 "	65	"	13	10 Guatemala	.10
19 Liberia 1.00	5	"	.13	10 Costa Rica	.10
6 "	20	"	.4	10 El Salvador	.10
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100 "	60	"	3.75	10 Siam	.10
10 Peru	15	"	7.89	10 Siam	.10
20 "	14	"	.12	10 Siam	.10
25 Siam	74	"	15	10 Siam	.10
13 Siam	39	"	1.00	10 Siam	.10
4 Siam	6	"	.12	10 Siam	.10
9 Siam	50	"	.15	10 Siam	.10
7 Siam	15	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
10 Chile	3	"	.40	10 Siam	.10
10 Greece	5	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
40 France	10	"	.12	10 Siam	.10
25 Italy	5	"	.12	10 Siam	.10
60 "	19	"	.4	10 Siam	.10
2 Congo	3	"	.20	10 Siam	.10
3 Crete	3	"	.20	10 Siam	.10
20 Norway	12	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
10 Brazil	7	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
50 U.S.	8	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
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5 Bosnia	6	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
10 Egypt	7	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
20 Russia	15	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
10 Finland	10	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
25 Canada	12	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
3 Bessarabia	5	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
10 Cuba	10	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
3 Mexico	10	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
10 China	10	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
25 Persia	10	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
5 Crete	5	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
7 Persia	7	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
15 Chile	7	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
25 Siam	9	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
6 Fiji	15	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
4 Borneo	6	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
4 Haiti	4	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
50 Persia	69	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
6 China	6	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
10 Tuna	9	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
17 "	35	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
7 Bolivia	7	"	.10	10 Siam	.10
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All stamps of this series were printed in two shades—black and gray black.

The series are catalogued and listed on white and on gray surfaced paper, and they are often found described in this manner. It is acknowledged that the so-called gray surfaced paper was caused by imperfect wiping of the plates in printing, and is not an inherent paper variety.

The plates for this series (as was the case with all department stamps) were engraved by the Continental Bank Note Company, and all of the plates bear the imprint and plate numbers of this firm. A single exception to this rule occurs in the Post Office Department stamps, however. One plate, No. 428, for printing 1 cent stamps, was made by the American Bank Note Company, some time after the consolidation with the Continental Bank Note Company.

The plate number of the various denominations are as follows:

1c	No. 43	10c	No. 62
2c	Nos. 37, 38,	12c	No. 71
	285	15c	No. 66
3c	Nos. 30, 36,	24c	No. 74
	40, 41, 140, 141	30c	No. 68
6c	Nos. 39, 47,	90c	No. 88
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The printing of the stamp was discontinued in 1879, the following amounts having been furnished from December 31, 1873 to the close of the contract:

1c	1,114,250	12c	298,780
2c	894,600	15c	109,285
3c	65,297,700	24c	87,625
6c	3,306,800	30c	132,255
10c	182,450	90c	65,200

These figures do not represent the actual output, however, as 5,510,610 stamps of all denominations were furnished between May 24 and July 1, 1873, and a considerable number were destroyed later.

The varieties of the Post Office Departments are all in the paper, except one. Those printed on soft paper come in the following denominations: 1 cent, 2 cents, 3 cents, 6 cents, 12 cents, 15 cents. Double paper—3 cents, 24 cents, 90 cents. So-called ribbed paper, 3 cents. A diagonal half of 6 cents, used as 3 cents, is chronicled.

THE NEW PENN. STATE REVENUES.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 20.—Precautions as rigid as the National Government employs in the printing of currency have been adopted by Auditor General Powell in the preparation of stamps for use under the stock transfer tax law, which becomes effective January 1. In one respect the Federal caution is being exceeded, for even when they have been printed and delivered to the Auditor General, the stamps will not be valid until they have been further printed upon with a fugitive ink.

Under the contract a special safety paper is being made, behind locked doors at a mill in Erie. Paper of this kind is to be made only for the department, and every sheet made must be accounted for. Chief Clerk Bell, of the department of public printing and binding, has been at the mill to superintend the safeguarding and counting of the sheets and their

shipment to the Security Bank Note Company, of Philadelphia, which is to print the stamps. Each sheet is to be entirely covered with a safety design reading, "The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Auditor General." On their arrival at Philadelphia the sheets will be counted again.

The ink to be used in validating the stamps is of a kind which makes fraudulent transfer of the validating print to an unvalidated sheet impossible. On the application of moisture sufficient to the purpose of transfer, the fugitive ink will dissolve and run over the validated sheet spoiling it and exposing the attempt at fraud.—Philadelphia Record.

O. HAPPY DAY.

An announcement has been received of the marriage on November 18th, 1915, of Mr. William Hamilton Barnum and Miss Grace Rebecca Baker, of Cleveland. Until recently, Mr. Barnum was secretary of the American Philatelic Society and he is now a member of its board of directors. During Mr. Barnum's many years of activity in philately, he has made a host of friends who will rejoice at his happiness and they bespeak for him and Mrs. Barnum a life brimming with bliss.

The marriage of Mr. Oney Kem Carstarphen and Miss Blanche Kennedy Towson of Washington took place on November 18th, 1915. Mr. Carstarphen when a resident of Denver some years ago took a lively interest in stamps and society affairs; and he has kept in touch with some of his old friends even though his interest in philately has just been simmering for some time past. Mr. and Mrs. Carstarphen will be at home at the Hotel Clendenning, New York City.

A NEW SWISS PROVISIONAL.

As we learn from the Swiss newspapers, a new provisional is to be issued shortly, due to the raising of the parcel post rate from 70 centimes to 80 centimes. Switzerland, which had never given us a surcharged provisional prior to the war, has already given us three, and the new one will make the fourth. A prominent collector writing from Switzerland in our correspondence columns makes the interesting statement that the earlier alterations in the Swiss postal tariff had been discussed, although not adopted, some weeks before the declaration of war.—Postage Stamp.

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PARIS, Nov. 16.—Notices have been posted in many of the Parisian cafes that patrons who do not have the right change to pay for refreshments will have to accept postage stamps or checks for any sum less than ten sous. This is another indication of the scarcity of coppers, which numerous collections for charitable purposes have withdrawn temporarily from circulation, and the fact that since small money became scarce there has been a tendency on the part of the people to cling to what they have.

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1c to 10c, set of 6	.. .05
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Anvil Seal, * pair 5 & 10c	.. .03
1914 Salvador Provisionals	
*2c to 100c, 802 to 808, set	.. .25
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Natal, 80, 3d	.. .02
1904 Transvaal, 270, 2d	.. .02
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—We are in receipt of an official communication from the Postmaster General stating that the parcel post service to Germany, Austria and Hungary has been suspended because of notice given by steamship company that it must refuse to accept parcel post mails for said countries.

—A letter addressed to A. Bergasin, 338 E. 100 St., N. Y. City is returned marked "Cannot be found." Information received from V. K. Yowell.

—W. M. Lester reports the new 11c stamp precancelled "Cleveland, Ohio". It is in the usual type of Cleveland overprinting.

—I. T. Mann, M. D., presents us with the first Red Cross seal of the season. It is printed in red and green and is in keeping with the issues of previous years.

—The London papers are suggesting that agents of the Kaiser have been trying to arrange a marriage of the Grand Duchess of Luxemburg with one of the Kaiser's sons. It is stated on good authority that the Duchess has declared that she will not marry but will enter a convent if such an alliance is forced upon her. The Postage Stamp in printing this item states that the Grand Duchess is beautiful and twenty-one, and

that Joachim is the only unmarried son of the Kaiser. The picture of the Duchess seen on the current issue of Luxemburg would seem to indicate that the lady in question is quite pretty.

—The Philatelic Journal of India is authority for the statement that Sir Charles Stewart-Wilson, president of the Philatelic Society of India, has joined the Ministry of Munitions. He was formerly Director of Posts and Telegraphs in India.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

TO THE EDITOR:

When the new Scott's Standard Catalogue reached me, I turned at once to my favorite country, Monaco. Much to my surprise, I find the following note appended to the descriptive matter under the issues of 1891-97: "Stamps surcharged 'O. L.' are believed to be entirely speculative."

The attention of the editor of the Catalogue was called to this mis-statement, through the manager of the Scott firm, in ample time to correct the error. I was at pains to inform them of my authorities—the Rev. George E. Barber, M. A., and L. W. Crouch—but seemingly the matter was considered of slight importance.

For the benefit of real philatelists, I may say that the overprint "O. L." is merely a postmark applied by Monaco carriers to Monaco stamps posted in French territory—Monte Carlo Superieur. This no longer obtains, as French stamps are now used exclusively on French soil.

It gives me great pleasure to hurl my first brick at the makers of "our" catalogue. Let us hope it may cause them to respond in a purely scholastic manner in 1917.

Very truly yours, EDWIN B. HILL, Mesa, Arizona.

WESTFIELD, N. J., Nov. 15.

TO THE EDITOR:

In the New York Staats Zeitung of November 6, page 2, I notice a telegram from Berlin which may interest you and the readers of your WEEKLY. It refers to the letter published in your paper August 28th in which was claimed that a Mr. Iriasiens (Joosten), Wilryck, Antwerp, had all his possessions, including his stamp collection of 9000, burned by the Germans and an appeal was made to American collectors to send their duplicates to the man to enable him to start again.

After a careful investigation—the dispatch says—"the German authorities in Brussels found the man to be a swindler. He lived in Wilryck till July only, while the action around Antwerp did not start before September. The local authorities in Wilryck also testified that the man's home did not suffer from fire or in any other way."

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EDITORIAL.

Crawford Collection—A development of much interest is to be recorded. The celebrated collection of United States stamps, the property of the Earl of Crawford, recently deceased, has been bought by the Nassau Stamp Company of New York City. The news of this purchase has been current for some time past but wishing to secure details that would make an announcement of fuller character than the bare statement of sale, we have awaited the receipt of the *Philatelic Gazette*, published by the Nassau Stamp Company, for particulars. From the publication, we now learn that the great collection of stamps of the United States, which, indisputably is *facile princeps* in the extent and excellence of its proofs and essays, reposed in forty-seven volumes and seven portfolios. In an academic sense, the feature of the collection is the complete and scholarly manner in which it is "written up." Indeed, this historical setting for the stamp issues may not be accented too strongly; and when it is remembered that the data was inscribed on the pages by the owner himself, at a time when it was an innovation to attend to this adjunct to scientific philatelic

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procedure, the ardency of the Earl of Crawford is worthy all tribute. When Lord Crawford, in his yacht, visited this country in 1906, the collection was on view at the Collectors' Club, New York City; and it was then admitted that the stamps met squarely the liveliest expectations based on repeated reports of its richness. It is to be said that the present Earl of Crawford while succeeding to the collection did not inherit the philatelic inclinations of his distinguished father. The present Lord Crawford "is now serving at the front with the Allies as a surgeon."

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So It Seems—While a purchase of the magnitude of that of the Lord Crawford United States collection is of much importance commercially and a transaction that redounds to the credit of the enterprising firm that negotiated it successfully, yet it has several other aspects that one may cogitate upon with complacency. It is a sentimental satisfaction to know that this country secured the Crawford collection as it is appropriate that the great repository of our own issues is to have its abiding place in America. Here we can insert a bit of news that is good to hear; in all probability, the collection will be acquired intact by an eastern collector. This announcement will forestall the lament that such a collection would be broken up. It has been known that the Crawford U. S. collection was on the market. In fact, the purchaser made a trip to England over a year ago to inspect and appraise the collection and there is little doubt but that the sale was a consequence of Mr. Klemann's trip. At any rate, we are a trifle proud that the United States secured the collection; and the sale is in the nature of justification of the prophecy of the editor of the *London Philatelist* soon after the beginning of the war that America would have to be looked to for the accomplishment of the greater things in philately during the war.

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Still Pursuing—"Why don't you run a Happiest Moment of My Philatelic Life symposium? You don't care to? Well, then throw this into the waste-basket. The happiest recollection of my philatelic life is that of a rainy afternoon over thirty years ago, when in an old disused attic, my mother and I found a batch of letters dated from 1850 on. As we removed the stamps from the envelopes and carefully cut the envelope stamps out round, I was transported; and I can aver that those golden moments were the happiest of my long philatelic life."

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A Slip or Two—Someone tells of having seen Mexicans advertised with "magneto" surcharge, instead of "ma-

genta." We notice that a Swiss "municipal officer" advertises a "grated stamp" on cover, seven cent, 1870, U. S., for sale. This is more expressive than the English, "grid" and the German, "waffel."

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Smart Swindler—Some of the dealers in New York are telling a tale with an accompaniment of gusts of giggles and gales of guffaws. Other of the dealers are as mum as oysters for they happened to invest in a choice war stock, the bottom of which soon dropped out of sight. The stamps were the Cameroons surcharged G. R. I., on account of British occupation; and the overprints proved to be bogus. The more or less nefarious plot was concocted by a "Philadelphia boy of about eighteen," who, it seems, was not so all-fired slow. He called on New York dealers and showed them a letter addressed to him by a missionary in the Cameroons who commended in sanctified phrase, the young man's decision to become a missionary. The registered envelope that carried the letter, etc., bore the handstamp of the registry division of the Philadelphia post office and on the cover were different Cameroons stamps surcharged, G. R. I. In his letter to the youth, the missionary said that the British soldiers had occupied the town and post office and had surcharged with due authority the stamps found there. It was impossible to buy any of the stamps but as he (the correspondent) had some relics that were coveted by the British invaders, he exchanged said relics for some of the stamps which he enclosed. In chaste words, the young man was enjoined to sell the British occupation stamps at the best prices he could obtain and apply the proceeds in furtherance of Christian work. Conducting himself with the sharpness of the serpent's tooth, the youth sold the stamps to not a few dealers at rousing good prices. However, it was not long before he stumbled. He appeared on the scene with a second lot of the stamps all too soon, when the distance between Philadelphia and the Cameroons is reckoned. Too, he had purchased unused Cameroons from a dealer or two, one of whom placed secret marks on the backs of the stamps before they left his hands. The trap was sprung and the youth confessed his fraud. The ingenuity of the scheme is almost without paralleled when considered with the cleverness with whom he played the human note. We understand that the young man's parents are well-to-do and have made restitution (or will do so) but we hope that the genius of the boy will have ample scope hereafter in legitimate fields of endeavor. The dealers who succumbed to the blandishments of the boy may be said to have fallen in a good cause. The religious haze that enveloped the scheme clouded their judgment, it is safe to say; and

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Mexico 1910, 15, 20, 30c, 3 var.	.10
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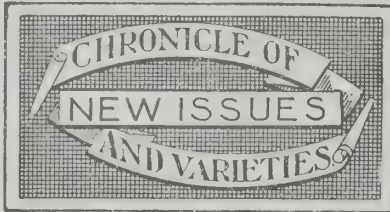
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UNITED STATES.—New envelopes are reported as follows by J. M. Bartels:

Denom.	Die.	Type.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
1c	A	13		Buff	19	89
1c	C	v.1	8	Amber	19	59
2c	A	14		Amber	19	93
5c	B	5		Amber	19	87
2c	E	5		Amber	20	87

Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg submits a specimen of the 3c green of 1873, with a diagonal perforation in the upper left corner, quite a sizable part of the stamp being set off in this way. Mrs. Kellogg says: "Very unfortunately I dumped the stamp into a pan with 1000 others, and so carefully removed evidence that it 'grew that way.' The top of the stamp reminds one of those mixed Mexican breeds, 'Perf. 6 x 12'."

BELGIUM.—Michael P. Hynes has shown us the new Belgium stamps as previously chronicled. There appears to be many standards by which to measure the depth of color of any of the violet and purple shades. Judging from the specimens submitted by Mr. Hynes, the 15c is bright violet, the 20c red violet or mauve and the 1fr is purple. The 35c is orange brown and black. We print this with the assurance that the next lot submitted will show still other shades.

CANADA.—J. H. Weston reports that he has been informed by the Postal Authorities at Ottawa that the question of issuing a 3c stamp was still under consideration.

CONGO.—Harry A. McBride writes from Boma, Congo, to the effect that the new stamps for Belgian Congo were placed on sale on October 1, 1915. After January 1, 1916, no stamps of the old issue will be accepted by the postal authorities in payment of postage on mail matter. The old issue has already (October 8, 1915) been retired from the postoffices. The values 3fr and 10fr have been omitted from the new series. The colors of the 5c, 10c and 25c are unchanged, but the value in words has been added at the top of each stamp. The other values are printed in different colors for the frames, with all the centres still in black.

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- 15c blue green and black.
- 25c blue and black.
- 40c red brown and black.
- 50c brown and black.
- 1fr olive and black.
- 5fr orange and black.

HAYTI.—J. M. Bartels has shown us the 1c on 50c as noted last week.

MEXICO.—Thanks are due to Donald Martin for specimens of the new Official stamps chronicled last week; and to J. M. Bartels and Howard C. Hopkins for used specimens of the new 40c engraved stamp. We are informed that advance copies of the 40c were sold to collectors at a premium, before being offered to the public!

Roy S. Farley calls attention to an error in the Villa stamps issued for the Southern District of Lower California. In the line reading "De la Baja Cal." the "A" of "LA" is larger than the others in the same line. This occurs on the fifth and fifteenth stamp in the form, and as the form is reversed and printed twice on the sheet, the error occurs four times. Mr. Farley has found it on the 2c, 5c, and 10c values.

NEW ZEALAND.—Benjamin Cadbury has also shown us the new "War Stamp" from New Zealand, which apparently serves a similar purpose to that of the Canadian "War Tax" stamps. The following excerpts from a letter dated Oct. 14, from a friend in New Zealand, who tried to get some stamps for Mr. Cadbury, may be of interest:

"There has been some row here about ordinary people buying the life insurance stamps, so I had to wait till — could get them from the agent he knows. The 'express delivery' and the 6d and 1sh postage due are out of stock at the G. P. O. There is the same difficulty about the Revenue (viz. official) postage stamps as about the Life Insurance. The Edwardian stamps are still in use here, but the Georgian are just going to be introduced, though they are only sold to collectors at present, except the war stamp that stands for the extra tax on every postal packet. There is no 1d in the Georgian set, as they are keeping on with the old design."

PORTUGAL.—Benjamin Cadbury has shown us a new charity stamp from this country. It is of large size, 23x34 mm., and is of striking appearance. Portugal is typified in a female figure, dressed and hooded, with a cross on her breast, and casting her cloak about a group composed of a mother and child and an aged man. This is on a solid background of color, with "Correio" in the left upper corner, and "Um Centavo" in two lines in the right corner. The stamp is continued at top and bottom by colorless tablets extending across the stamp, and framed with a single line of color, "Republica Portuguesa" is printed in the tablet at the top, and

This Week's Specials:

	Cat. price.	My price
152, Salvador 1896, 15c blue grn.	.15	.05
214, 2c gray green	.20	.08
617, 1896, 10c brown	.10	.04
192b, Spain, 10c de p green pair.	2.00	1.00
203b, 10c de p imperf.	1.50	
143, Straits Settlement \$2, Rev. canc.	.25	
144, \$5 green and red, pen canc.	.40	
*145, Transvaal, 193, 2ap on 1sh grn.	.75	.30
*152, 1894, 1sh yellow green.	3.00	1.00
153, Uruguay '00, 10c gray violet.	.10	.04
193, Venezuela, 5c pink	.10	.04
194, 10c blue	.10	.04
208, 1903, 1b gray	.35	.15
63, Bulgaria 1896, 25s red	.15	.07
80, 1901, 25s blue & black	.02	.01
80, Col. Rep., Bolivar, 5p car. rose	.20	
142, Dom. Rep. '04, 2c scar. & blk.	1.50	.50
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ONE CENT

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1900, 20pf	.06
1900, 25, 30, 40 or 50pf	.18
1900, 50pf	.36
1909, 10pf carmine, With Watermark	.40
German South West Africa 1900, 30pf	.12
1900, 5 Marks	2.50
Russia 1913, 1 ruble grn., Romanoff issue	.16
Leeward Is., George 1sh on green	.25
George 1sh on white	1.75
Trinidad & Tobago 1sh on white, mint	.40
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Br. Levant, July 1906, 1 piastre on 2d	50.00
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George 1sh	.25
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*1/2d on 3pf 2nd setting	3.50
1d on 5pf 2nd setting Tog error	10.00
*20pf 2nd setting	3.00
*25pf 2nd setting	3.00
*30pf	3.00
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Nov. 16, 1915.

The 346th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society Inc. was called to order this evening by Pres. Carpenter at 8.20 p. m. The usual business was attended to and the Lantern Committee reported the purchase of a lantern. The application of Mr. Wm. Jenney was posted. The death of one of our members, Mr. Francis C. Foster, was brought to the attention of the Society. The entertainment committee then took charge of the meeting and the contestants for the prize for the 10 most interesting covers each explained the particular merits of his exhibit. Messrs. Tuttle, Blanchard, Ralph Hall, Nevin, A. H. Hall, Sawyer, Bail, Farrar, Cosby and Howes entered this contest. Messrs. A. H. Hall, Ralph Hall and C. A. Howes won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ribbons, respectively. Mr. E. F. Sawyer won the first prize for the most interesting single cover and every one who had entered either contest received an African stamp surcharged Cape Verde, used. A few slides were shown by means of the new lantern and at 10.45 p. m. the meeting adjourned. Mr. Waldo Farrar presented the Society with a number of interesting Mexican covers. There was an attendance of 37 and the evening was one of the best and most interesting we have had in a long time.

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REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING NOV. 12, 1915.

Applications for Membership.

D. C. Neefus, 538 Union St., Hudson, N. Y., age 50. Proposed by Robert Weber.

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THE STAMPS OF KIAUTSCHOU.

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

After the conclusion of peace between China and Japan in 1895, Great Britain, Russia and Germany tried to get ports for coaling stations in China on a long lease. For a long time Germany had coveted the Bay of Kiautschou for this purpose and though all sorts of inducements were made to the Chinese Foreign Office for its purchase, China turned a deaf ear to Teutonic blandishments. In the early part of November, 1897, two German missionaries were murdered by a crowd of fanatics in the Shantung province, and, using this event as a pretext, a German squadron, under Vice-Admiral von Dietrichs, appeared before Kiautschou, landed troops, occupied the most important points around the bay, and on November 17th, hoisted the German flag. After much diplomatic wrangling between German and Chinese representatives, a treaty was signed between the two nations on March 6th, 1898, under which the Bay of Kiautschou, a small piece of land around the bay, the necks of land north and south of the bay, and the little islands in front of it, were leased to Germany for a period of ninety-nine years. It was further stipulated that all the land twenty-eight miles around the German possession should be neutral, and China should do nothing in this neutral zone without first obtaining Germany's permission. The total area of the German colony is 130 square miles, and its population numbers about 60,000. The chief town is Tsintau where Germany has built strong fortifications as well as making fine streets, establishing waterworks of modern type introducing telephones, electric light, etc. While all the other German colonies are trade colonies, and managed by the Colonial Department of the Foreign Office, Kiautschou is solely a military station and coaling depot for the German navy. By Imperial command, therefore, it was placed under the direct administration of the Admiralty ("Reichs Marine Amt") and its Governor is a naval captain. The garrison is composed of a battalion of marine infantry and a detachment of marine artillery.

The first issue for Kiautschou proper was a provisional one caused by a shortage of 5pf stamps in May, 1900. Previous to this date the stamps for the German Offices in China or unsurcharged German stamps were used and these can only be determined by the cancellations "Tsingtau", "Tsintau", or "Tsin-taufort". The two first are the cancellations of the only public post-office in the colony while the latter is the obliteration used at the so-called "Marine Feldpost" offices established for the use of the garrisons at the various forts around the bay. These provisional stamps were issued on or about the 9th May, 1900, when, owing to a dearth of 5pf stamps, a number of the 10pf value were surcharged "5 Pfg." to meet the public demand. Both of the types of the 10pf, differing in the slope of the name "China", were surcharged and, on most of the sheets at any rate, the original value was obliterated by drawing a blue pencil line across the bottom of the stamps. There are three main types of the overprint, differing chiefly as regards shape of the numeral "5", viz:—

Type 1.—The "5" is of medium width and the thin and thick portions of the numeral are only slightly contrasted.

Type 2.—The "5" is wide, of almost the same thickness throughout its shape, and without ball at the end.

Type 3.—The "5" is narrow and the thin and thick portions are greatly contrasted.

The letters of "Pfg" in type 2 are thicker than in the other types. Gibbons' and Kohl's catalogues make six types in all; types 4 and 6 being minor varieties of type 1, the first named having a thick "f" and the other a thicker "P". Type 5 is a minor variety of type 2 having a thin "P" in "Pfg." The differences in type were due to the lack of proper printing facilities. The small printing office at Tsingtau had not a sufficiency of type of the same font, so three sorts were used, one after the other. Even then, it was found impossible to surcharge an entire sheet of 100

Kiautschou

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8 Soudan	5	50 Australia	15	5 Cape Verde	10
7 Siam	16	10 Persia	10	5 Seychelles	10
10 Greece	3	40 France	10	1000 Hinges	5
10 Chile	10	10 Jamaica	10	20 Roumania	8
40 French	10	17 Mexico	10	20 New Zealand	18
25 Italy	19	4 Trinidad	12	10 Gold Coast	25
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stamps at once, so that half sheets of fifty were surcharged. The arrangement of the three types in the setting was as follows:—

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1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
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Of the above, two stamps of type 1 were the minor varieties types 4 and 6 respectively, and two stamps of type 2 were the minor variety type 5, but I have been unable to discover the actual position of these four stamps in the setting. Ignoring the minor varieties, it will be noted that in each half sheet of fifty stamps there were 21 of type 1, 22 of type 2 and seven of type 3. The prices quoted for the different types in Gibbons' catalogue are hopelessly at variance with the relative rarity. Type 3, which is three times as rare as type 1, is priced at 25% less than type 1. It is quoted at the same figure as type 2, though it is a little more than 3 times as rare as that type. The minor type 4 is also priced at less than the normal type 1, though it is nineteen times as scarce. Scott's catalogue does not price type 3, while Kohl remains content with illustrating the six types and pricing only the cheapest variety. The latter is the only catalogue differentiating between the slopes of the overprint "China" on these provisionals. All three types are recorded as existing with double surcharge, and also with double surcharge, one inverted.

These provisionals stamps were in use until about May 29th.

Reference List.

May 1900. Stamps of German China surcharged in black.
1. 5 Pfg. on 10pf carmine, Scott's China No. 307, 308 or 309.

THE SECOND ISSUE.

The second issue for Kiautschou was also of a provisional nature and was again caused by a shortage of 5pf stamps. Again the 10pf value was requisitioned and turned into the necessary 5pf denomination by means of a surcharge. This time the surcharge was shown as "5 Pf" and it may be immediately distinguished by the somewhat similar surcharge issued at Foo-chow by having a large instead of a small letter "P". This second provisional was issued about July 21st, 1900. It is rarer than the first one, for only about 4,000 were issued, while of the May provisional there were 46,000. Of this surcharge Gibbons mentions but one type, while Scott lists three. There are three principal types as in the May surcharge types 1 and 2 being in exactly similar type (but, of course, with the "g" omitted) and type 3 having a much smaller "5". Again the surcharge was applied to half sheets of fifty stamps at a time and the setting showed the types in the following order:—

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1914 Norway, 5, 10c 03
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—Grant L. Paul submits a New Zealand cover with the new 1/2d green war stamp.

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5 paras, grey, pale grey, grey-green. Imperforate, partly or entirely.
10 paras, brown, deep brown. Imperforate, partly or entirely. Bisected (unofficial).
20 paras, blue, greenish blue, pale blue. Imperforate, partly or entirely.
5 piastres, rose, pale rose, rose-red. Imperforate, partly or entirely. Bisected (unofficial).
10 piastres, slate-blue, blue-grey. Printed on both sides (one overprint). Imperforate.

Typographed in two panes of 100 stamps each on unwatermarked paper. Turkish overprint typographed.

1 piastre, mauve. Printed on both sides. Imperforate, partly or entirely. Double perf.

Lithographed on watermarked paper and Turkish overprint typographically applied.

2 piastres, yellow, orange-yellow. Bisected officially (perf. and imperf.) and issued as 1 piastre (July 16, 1867). Imperforate, partly or entirely. Double perf. Perf. 12 1/2 x 15.

ERROR.

5 piastres, rose, with overprint of 10 piastres. Imperforate. Perf. 12 1/2 x 15.

Second Issue (1867).

August 1, 1867.—Engraved on metal by F. Hoff of Hirschberg, Silesia, and lithographed by M. V. Penasson of Alexandria. Printed on white wove paper with impressed watermark Star and Crescent, white to brownish gum; perforated 15x12 1/2. Four varieties of each value.

5 paras, orange-yellow, yellow, pale yellow. Imperforate.

Perforated 12 1/2 horizontally. Imperforate vertically. Partly rouletted (unofficial).
10 paras, dull lilac, mauve, bright mauve (1869). Bisected for use as 5 paras (unofficial). Imperforate.

20 paras, blue-green, yellow-green, (1869). Printed on both sides. Imperforate.

1 piastre, rose, rose-red, lake, rose-carmine. Printed on both sides. Imperforate.

Imperf. vertically. Unofficially perforated 16. Rouletted (unofficial) 1871. Bisected (unofficial).

2 piastres, blue (pale to deep), bright blue. Perforated 12 1/2 vertically x unofficially pin-rouletted horizontally.

Imperf. vertically. Bisected. Partly rouletted (unofficial). "Chain" variety.

5 piastres, brown, pale brown, bistre-brown.

Third Issue (1872).

(A) PENASSON PRINTING.

January 1, 1872.—Typographed by M. V. Penasson at Alexandria on thick opaque paper watermarked Star and Crescent. Perforated 12 1/2 x 13 1/2 or 13 1/2. Plain margins with line of colour on top margin.

Perforated 12 1/2 x 13 1/2.
5 paras, brown, pale brown, reddish-brown.

10 paras, mauve (bright to dull).
20 paras, bright blue, blue.

1 piastre, rose-red (pale to deep). Imperforate.

Imperf. horizontally. Bisected (unofficial).

2 piastres, chrome-yellow.
2 1/2 piastres, deep violet.

5 piastres, yellow-green, deep yellow-green. Perforated 13 1/2.

5 paras, brown (shades).
10 paras, mauve.

20 paras, blue (shades).
1 piastre, rose-red, deep rose-red.
2 piastres, chrome-yellow.

Perforated 13 1/2 x 13.

2 1/2 piastres, violet.
5 piastres, yellow-green.

(B) BOULAC PRINTING.

November, 1874.—Printed by the Government at Boulac near Cairo on thinner paper. Perforated 12 1/2 or 13 1/2 x 12 1/2. Arabesque design on margins all round.

Perforated 12 1/2.

10 paras, lilac, grey-lilac, pale lilac. Tete-beche. Imperforate.

20 paras, dull pale blue, bluish grey. Imperf. horizontally.

1 piastre, rose-red, bright red, vermilion red. Tete-beche. Imperforate.

Double perf.
2 piastres, yellow. Tete-beche.

2 1/2 piastres, slate-violet (shades). Tete-beche.

Imperf. horizontally. Imperforate.

5 piastres, green, dull green. Imperforate.

Perforated 13 1/2 x 12 1/2.

10 paras, grey-lilac. Tete-beche.

20 paras, dull pale blue, bluish grey. Bisected (unofficial).

1 piastre, bright red. Tete-beche.

Imperf. horizontally. Imperforate.

2 piastres, yellow. Tete-beche.

Imperf. horizontally. Imperforate.

Bisected (unofficial).
Perforated 12 1/2 x 13 1/2.

2 piastres, yellow. Tete-beche.

2 1/2 piastres, slate-violet. Tete-beche.

(C) THE 5 PARAS INVERTED SIDE LABELS.

1875. April.—Similar design, but end labels interchanged and inverted. Surface-printed at the Government works at Boulac. Paper and watermark as before.

Perforated 12 1/2.
5 paras, brown, pale brown. Tete-beche.

Perforated 13 1/2 x 12 1/2.
5 paras, brown, pale brown. Tete-beche.

Imperf. horizontally. Imperforate.

The 1878 Provisionals.

December, 1878.—2 1/2 piastres of previous issue (1874-5) surcharged with new values in black. Watermark and paper as before.

Perforated 12 1/2.
5 paras on 2 1/2 piastres, slate-violet. Surcharged inverted. Tete-beche.

10 paras on 2 1/2 piastres, slate-violet. Surcharged inverted. Tete-beche.

Perforated 12 1/2 x 13 1/2.

5 paras on 2 1/2 piastres, slate-violet. Surcharged inverted. Tete-beche.

Surcharged double. Tete-beche.

Imperf. horizontally. Imperforate.

10 paras on 2 1/2 piastres, slate-violet. Surcharged inverted. Tete-beche.

Imperf. horizontally. Imperforate.

First De La Rue Issue (1879-84).

April 1, 1879.—Surface printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. of London. Watermark Star and Crescent. Perf. 14.

5 paras, brown, deep brown. Imperforate.

10 paras, mauve. Imperforate.

10 paras, lilac-rose (Jan., 1881).
10 paras, bluish grey (Jan. 25, 1882).

20 paras, pale blue. Imperforate.

1 piastre, rose, pale rose. Imperforate.

2 piastres, orange, orange-yellow. Imperforate.

5 piastres, green, blue green. Imperforate.

1884 Provisional.

February 1, 1884.—The 5 piastres of previous issue surcharged with new value in black.

20 paras on 5 piastres, green. Surcharged inverted.

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Change of Colours. (1884).

December 15, 1884.—The same designs as for the series of 1879-1882, but colours changed. Perforated 14.

10 paras, green.
20 paras, rose-carmine, rose, bright rose.

1 piastre, blue, ultramarine (deep to pale).
5 piastres, pale grey, slate.

New Currency Issue (1888).

January 1, 1888 (to Aug. 1, 1893).—New currency or colours. Surface printed on Star and Crescent paper by De La Rue & Co. Perf. 14.

1 millieme, brown, deep brown.
2 milliemes, green, blue-green.

3 milliemes, marone (January 1, 1892).
3 milliemes, yellow, orange-yellow (August 1, 1893).

5 milliemes, rose-carmine, rose, aniline rose.
2 piastres, orange-brown (August 1, 1893).

10 piastres, mauve, aniline mauve (January 1, 1889).

The 1902 "Chalky" Issue.

1902-1906.—Similar types, but printed on chalk-surfaced paper.

1 millieme, brown (shades).
2 milliemes, green.

3 milliemes, orange-yellow.
4 milliemes, vermilion (1906).

5 milliemes, rose-carmine, deep aniline rose (shades).

1 piastre, ultramarine, blue (shades).
2 piastres, orange-brown (shades).

5 piastres, slate.
10 piastres, bright mauve.

1914.—January 8. Pictorial series. Surface-printed by De La Rue & Co. on white wove paper, watermarked Star and Crescent. Perforated 14.

1 millieme, sepia.
2 milliemes, green.

3 milliemes, orange-yellow.
4 milliemes, vermilion.

5 milliemes, lake.
10 milliemes, cobalt.

20 milliemes, olive.
50 milliemes, lilac.

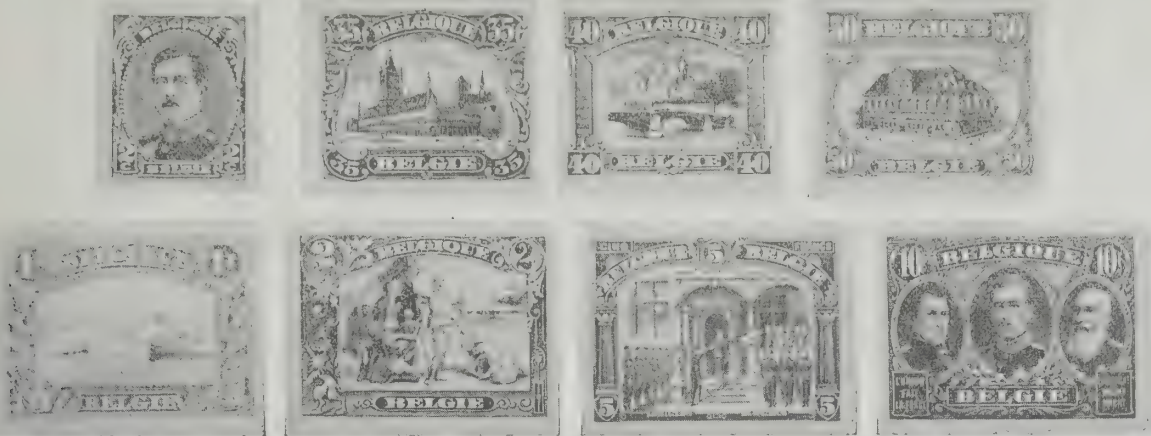
100 milliemes, slate.
500 milliemes, marone.

Postage-Due Stamps.

January 1, 1884.—Lithographed; with impressed "watermark" of Star and Crescent; perforated 10.

10 paras, red. Imperforate.

20 paras, red.



THE NEW BELGIUM SET.

Through the courtesy of G. Meyer we have received a complete set of the new Belgians for illustration, and we picture the various designs, which possess more than ordinary interest because of their association with the terrible war now devastating Europe.

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- 1 piastre, red.
- 2 piastres, red.
- Imperf. vertically.
- 5 piastres, red.

August 1, 1886.—As in previous issue, but lithographed on plain paper.

- 10 paras, rose-red.
- 20 paras, rose-red.
- 1 piastre, rose-red.
- Imperf. vertically.
- 2 piastres, rose-red.
- Imperf. vertically.
- 5 piastres, rose-red.

January 1, 1888.—New currency or colours; lithographed; no watermark; perforated 11½.

- 2 milliemes, green.
- Double print.
- 5 milliemes, rose-carmine.
- 1 piastre, blue.
- 2 piastres, orange.
- Double print.
- 5 piastres, grey.

Period (.) after "Piastres".
No period.

1889.—De La Rue type; surface-printed; paper watermarked with Star and Crescent; perforated 14.

- 2 milliemes, green.
- Bisected, and used (with entire stamp attached) as 3 milliemes (Feb. 14, 1898).

- 4 milliemes, marone.
- 1 piastre, ultramarine.
- 2 piastres, orange.

1898.—The 2 piastres of previous issue surcharged with new value in black. Other details as before.

- 3 milliemes on 2 piastres, orange.
- Arabic "2" for "3".
- Error corrected—"3" printed above the "2".
- Surcharge double.
- Surcharge inverted.

- 1906.—De La Rue type, as before, but on chalk-surfaced paper. Perforated 14.
- 2 milliemes, green (1906).
- 4 milliemes, marone (1907).
- 1 piastre, ultramarine (1907).
- 2 piastres, orange (1907).

Official Stamps.

January 1, 1893.—Surface-printed; paper watermarked with Star and Crescent; perforated 14.

- Ordinary paper.
- (No value) chestnut.
- Chalk-surfaced paper.
- (No value) dark chestnut.

1907.—Current ordinary stamps, on chalk-surfaced paper, overprinted "O. H. H. S." and Arabic inscription, all in black.

- 1 millieme, brown.
- 2 milliemes, green.
- 3 milliemes, orange.
- 5 milliemes, rose-carmine.
- 1 piastre, blue.
- 5 piastres, slate.

November, 1913.—Current ordinary stamp, on chalk-surfaced paper, locally overprinted "O. H. H. S." in black.

- 5 milliemes, rose-carmine.
- Period omitted after "s".
- Overprint inverted.

THE CRAWFORD U. S. COLLECTION.

(Here is a press story of the famous collection purchased by the Nassau Stamp Co. and recently announced in this paper. It is taken from the "N. Y. Times."—Ed.)

The famous collection of United States stamps belonging to Alexander Edward Lindsay, the twenty-seventh Earl of Crawford, has been sold to John A. Klemann of 118 Nassau Street, Manhattan. It was formed by the present Earl's father, James Ludovic Lindsay, whom he succeeded in 1913. The collection cost the late Earl \$200,000; the exact sum paid for it by Mr. Klemann could not be ascertained.

As a surgeon the Earl of Crawford is at the front with the Allies. He did not inherit the love for philately which his father so strongly possessed. The head of the house of Lindsay and Premier Earl of Scotland, he owns about 10,000 acres and obtains a large revenue from his collieries. The twenty-sixth Earl was troubled with asthma and spent a good deal of his time aboard his yacht, the Valhalla, which was entered as a contestant in the big Kaiser's Cup race. It was his custom to sail his vessel in the warmer waters of the world.

An important part of his American collection, which comprises 54,000 stamps, he obtained for \$30,000 from Henry G. Mandel, an old employee and expert of the American Bank Note Company, which printed most of the engraved United States issues. Among Mandel's stamps were the earliest impressions of the adhesives and envelopes. He had saved many of the original engraved proofs, samples and rejected designs, which were unobtainable elsewhere. The Earl also bought for \$15,000 a collection of sheets of proofs owned by J. A. Petrie of Phillipsburg, N. J.

PROOFS AND ESSAYS.

In proofs and essays the Earl of Crawford's collection is believed to be the finest in existence. The stamps are in fifty-seven volumes and seven portfolios. There is a large waterproof box in which the late Earl kept them aboard the Valhalla. He did most of his work on the stamps while he was on his yacht. In 1906 he attended the yacht races here on the Valhalla, bringing his stamps. He exhibited them at the Collectors' Club in this city. Both he and King George V., when Duke of York, were Presidents of the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

For the specialist there are two schools of collecting; one is concerned with the collecting of purely philatelic items, the other with the formation of a historical as well as philatelic collection, which requires much writing on the pages. The highest exponent of this latter school was the Earl of Crawford. His collection is a complete history of the stamps of the United States, with all the asso-

ciated circumstances leading up to their issuance and connected with their use. A feature of his collection is that the stamp is traced from the artist's original drawing, or picture from which he made it, carried to the essays and proofs, and thus to the finished thing. Every variation of it is presented. All the descriptive writing is in the Earl's hand. Through the British Ambassador to this country he was enabled to obtain notes as to patents, &c., which made his collection so remarkable.

HISTORY OF SPECIMENS TRACED.

Banknotes and other engravings of a like character have provided copies for stamp pictures, and the Earl traces each design to its inception, in some cases to the first rough pencil sketch. He tries to show every stage in the development of the stamp and follows it through its period of currency, giving the different kinds of obliterations, its varying shades of successive printings and where they exist, reissues, reprintings and forgeries. The collection contains practically all that could be got together to illustrate the postal history of the United States.

"Just before the European war began," said Mr. Klemann, "I went to Great Britain to buy this collection, if possible. I was at the Earl's house at Haigh Hall, Wigan. The Earl I found to be a well-informed, pleasant gentleman, but he let me do all the talking. He had been over his father's papers and told me that the collection had cost him £40,000. He seemed to think that was a good deal to spend on the hobby."

There were three parts in the late Earl's collection. One was the American stamps, another the miscellaneous stamps, and the third the British stamps. The miscellaneous stamps were sold to Captain Simpson, an English collector. The British stamps were bought by W. H. Peckitt, a London dealer.

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As you ask your readers' views on the above question, I take the liberty to give you mine, as I consider that too many stamps have been catalogued as War Stamps.

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(b) Safety surcharges against use by enemy—British Honduras.

Such stamps as Morocco French Protectorate, Swiss provisionals, and St. Vincent 1d on 1s have nothing to do with the war. The first were announced as going to be issued before the beginning of the war; the alterations in the Swiss postal tariff had also been discussed, although not yet adopted, some weeks before the declaration of war; and the St. Vincent provisional was, no doubt, only made to use up the 1s black on green which had been superseded by the new issue.—Postage Stamp.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

The War Fund—The war fund proposed by Mr. W. G. Windhurst of Marion, Ohio, the scope of which was outlined in the issue of November 20th, has not been adopted by the Chicago Philatelic Society, the organization chosen to set it in motion. The reasons given by the society in question for not attempting the working out of the idea do not affect the merits of the plan but are based on the difficulties attending the promotion of the project. While all commendation was given the spirit that actuated the movement, it was decided that at this busy season, it was inadvisable to devote the time for the work necessary to insure the fulfilment of the measure. The organization for and attendance on the work were deemed to be factors of so much importance that it was decided with some reluctance that it was inexpedient to undertake the task. However, the proposal is still open for consideration by other societies, we infer.

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nent in railroad circles. Our Mr. Mudge is Henry N. and the other is Henry U. Mudge. Henry U. Mudge was in Denver recently and in a newspaper sketch, credit to Mr. Mudge's philatelic proclivities was given among other commendations of the gentleman. Naturally, one of our Denver readers noticing the account of Henry "N." Mudge, as the name was given by mistake, we believe, concluded that our Henry N. Mudge was the subject of the remarks. Consequently, he sent in the news which was gladly passed along. However, it was not the Henry N. Mudge, president of the Chicago Philatelic Society who was in Denver; and we publish that fact so that inconvenience may be avoided by this comedy of errors.

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His Plan—In a letter, Mr. James S. Squire, Laramie, Wyoming, tells how he keeps his collection of 6500 varieties. He had a cabinet on the order of a filing case made, 18 by 15 inches, with five 2 by 2 inch and one 4 inch drawer. "I mount the stamps on medium card-board sheets, 11 by 13 inches. I split the collection into five different separations, viz.: U. S. and colonies; Mexico and Canada; Great Britain and colonies; South and Central America; Europe and Germany, France and colonies. In the large drawer I keep covers, hinges, etc. Any time I want to work with a certain country, I take that drawer out and do not have to handle the rest of the sheets. Other advantages of the plan suggest themselves."

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First in the Field—A reader, rashly importunate, asks us to reconsider our determination not to write a philatelic scenario for movie use. As we strive to please, we yield to the wish expressed and present the following drama of the philatelic times, entitled, "Just a Bit of Paper." Principals: Filbert Nutting, the Boy Detective and Counterfeit Detector of the Willing Hands Philatelic Society. Elmira Quagmire, the beautiful heiress and possessor of a collection cataloguing well into the millions. Waffle Willie, a Philatelic Cozener. Chief-of-Police. Seven Butlers. Minister. Officers, Smugglers, Friends of the Family, etc. Dinner at the Quagmire mansion. The butler announces a stranger. "I came at the behest of the President of the Philatelic Club to invite you to show your wonderful collection of rarities, none worth less than one thousand dollars at the meeting to-night. A distinguished visitor, Count Lapp de Booz, is to be present," said the caller. "I would do the Count honor; I shall go," said Elmira simply. In the auto. "This is not the way to the Club," said Elmira suspiciously, whereupon Waffle Willie seized the girl suddenly and roughly stuffed a package of hinges into her mouth. The taste of the gum makes Elmira swoon; and she is hurled over the cliff by Willie and his accomplice,

the rascally chauffeur. The beautiful maiden falls at the feet of Filbert Nutting, the Boy Detective, who was following a band of smugglers to their cave. He revives Elmira and accompanies her home; he clasps her hand at leave-taking and Elmira's chest heaves. Love's dart. Filbert is now retained on the case and swears to recover the stamps. Walking along the street, Filbert put on his overcoat, as he was passing the Grand Palace apartments, snow having begun to fall. Detective's studio. Smokes bulldog pipe with look of dogged determination. "Aha, what is this?" He finds a Hawaiian missionary on the floor near the coat-rack. Mystery solved. Marvellous deduction. "Stamp fell as I removed my overcoat; ergo, stamp fell when I put on my overcoat." Filbert in the disguise of an itinerant stamp collector visits the Grand Palace apartments. At the door of the third flat, Waffle Willie responds to Filbert's knock. "Yes, I have stamp rarities for sale, ten per cent. off catalogue on purchases of twenty-five thousand dollars or more. Are you a serious collector?" asked the arch-rogue. "Yes, I want Hawaiian Missionaries," returned Filbert. On the page one was missing and Filbert asked why so. "Oh," said Waffle Willie, blackly, "the missing stamp blew out the window a while ago and the snow covered it up; I would give much to see it again." "Is this it," asked Filbert. "Yes," and as Willie leaned over to look at the stamp, a derringer was thrust against his temple. Filbert blew his whistle and a platoon of policemen rushed in. "Ah," said the Chief, "how about the Cameroons surcharges?" "My old friend, the Blooey, Blooey," said Willie, rolling a cigarette, despite his hand-cuffs. Prison scene. Waffle Willie, sentenced to examine 69 billion of the current issue two-cent for shift varieties expires at the 609,712th stamp. Quagmire mansion all aglow. Brave men and fair women. "I pronounce you, Filbert Nutting, and Elmira Quagmire, man and wife." Filbert slips the minister a thousand dollar bill. An unsevered pair forever! Note. If our first philatelic scenario is appreciated we shall not follow up our success. Much will depend, however, upon the acting and characters for the parts preferably will be selected from the philatelic ranks. Applications for the positions will be filed in the order of their receipt.

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Just So, So—"Will this give the Happiest Hour symposium its *quietus*? My Happiest Philatelic Recollection is based on an incident of over thirty years ago. Every evening a fellow who called on my big sister was entertained by me until she came down stairs by showing him my little memorandum book pasted full of foreign. Anyway, he pretended to be interested in the stamps and seemed to want me to be on his side. One night he

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When liberated from Turkish oppression by the Turco-Russian war in 1878, Bulgaria was made a Principality under nominal Turkish suzerainty. Within a year, the first issue of stamps made its appearance, on May 1, 1879. It was a modest design showing the Bulgarian lion in an oval with B'LGARSKA POSHTSHA (Bulgarian Post) above and the value in centimes (SANTIM) and franc (FRANK) beneath. The circulating medium at the time and for many years since was mostly French gold, which accounts for the denominations. The following issue, two years later, changed these French terms to Bulgarian equivalents. STOTINKI and LEVA, the latter name signifying a "lion."

Russian influence was naturally strong at Sofia and we find all the earlier issues were made by the Imperial Printing office in St. Petersburg—beg pardon, Petrograd! To anyone familiar with the Russian stamps this fact would be quite evident, for not only were they similar in shape, general make-up and coloring, but they were printed on the same white laid paper with horizontal wavy lines running across the sheet, and in the same sheet form (four panes of 25) and perforation (14 1/2 x 15, applied by a "harrow machine," that is all done at once).

The 5c and 5s stamps, in each issue, have been reported with the tinted background inverted, though there is some dispute over the 5c. The error is of a high degree of rarity, however.

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stamps corresponding to the 50c and 1fr of the first issue, these two having apparently been used for some years afterwards. By 1882, however, the 50c was apparently exhausted and a 50s took its place. The 1fr was not replaced by the 1lev until 1887.

Though Bulgaria joined the Postal Union on July 1, 1879, it was not until the latter part of 1882 that the colors recommended for the values representing 1, 2 and 5 cents of our money, namely green, red and blue, were adopted. The other values of the set were also changed in coloring and the new 50s stamp issued.

Two interesting errors occur in this issue, one being the well known 5s in the rose color of the 10s, while the other is the 3s with the background inverted, discovered only a few years ago and of which only one copy was known at last accounts.

About May, 1884, a sudden shortage of three values seems to have taken place, for surcharges of 3, 5 and 15s were made. These were printed both by lithography and typography and the distinguishing features have proved a considerable puzzle to philatelists. The best information seems to be that the typographed impressions of the 3 and 5 are much clearer and sharper in outline than the lithographed, and the latter is vermilion instead of carmine in the 5s surcharge. The same variety of tint is said to be the only means of distinguishing between the two impressions in the case of the 15s. A year later, a further surcharge of 50s on 1fr appeared, but this was lithographed only.

Reductions in rates for printed matter caused two new values in May, 1885, a 1s and a 2s. The Russian designers apparently had difficulty with the Bulgarian inscriptions, for both values were mis-spelled, at least in their terminations, and similar stamps reading correctly replaced them about the end of 1886.

At last, on January 1, 1887, the 1fr stamp was replaced by an exactly similar one reading 1lev

In 1889, the first of a new series in somewhat altered design made its appearance, and the issue of all values was strung out over some two years. There is some dispute as to where the stamps were made, but the evidence seems good that they were first produced in Paris and later in Sofia, where the dies or stones (?) were evidently sent. We question the "stones" as the stamps were lithographed, and the National Printing Office at Sofia was equipped for lithographic work which it was already doing on the postage dues and revenues. The full set perforated 13, 13 1/2 is apparently the Paris product; the various values from 1s to 25s perforated 10 1/2, 11 1/2 and exactly 13 are the local productions. Two high values, 21 and 31, were added in 1896 and are known to have been lithographed at Sofia. They are printed on paper with a sheet watermark.

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In December, 1895, a large stock of remainders of the 2s second type was surcharged "01" in red. A large number of sheets must have been printed inverted as this variety is comparatively common.

In 1896, occurred Bulgaria's first commemorative issue. Prince Ferdinand was a German Catholic, while the Bulgarians were of the Orthodox Russian faith; to satisfy them, and also Russia, Crown Prince Boris was baptised into the national faith on February 2, 1914, as recorded on the stamps, a small set of four of which was issued for the event. They were lithographed at Sofia upon the paper with sheet watermark already spoken of.

In 1901, the fever again appeared, as it was the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the war which freed Bulgaria. Two curious looking stamps marked the event. The central design represents one of the crude cannon made from cherry trees that were fashioned and used with effect at the opening of hostilities because they could obtain no better ones. The stamps were lithographed at Sofia and issued on April 20 and 21, being good for postage for a week.

In 1901, two more provisionals were deemed necessary, the 10 on 50s appearing about the end of February and the rather dangerous experiment of raising the 3s to 5 by a surcharge took place in May. Both stamps occur with inverted surcharges and the 5s may be found in a pair, one stamp of which lacks the surcharge.

On October 1, 1901, a handsome new set of stamps bearing Prince Ferdinand's portrait was issued and remained current for ten years. Russia was again turned to, the stamps being made by the Cartographic Bureau of the War Department at St. Petersburg. The color of the 21 being rather similar to the 11, it was changed from red to deep carmine in June, 1902. In June, 1907, a new type of numerals was reported on the 11 and a deepening of the red color;

the change in the figures "1" in the upper corners was the removal of the little line or "serif" at the right of the top.

Several surcharges occurred during the currency of this set, the first being in October, 1903, when the 15s was surcharged "10." As usual, it comes inverted and in a pair without surcharge on one stamp. It is also doubly printed. By "inadvertence" one or two sheets of the 10s itself got in with the 15s and were surcharged "10"! In 1909, the using up of stock preparatory to a new set caused a large list of provisionals, the first being the 5 on 50s and the 25 on 30s which were issued in June; next came the 1s of 1889 surcharged "1909" and the 10 on 15s, issued in July; and following these, in September and October, were the 5s of 1889 surcharged "1909," the 30s of the same set surcharged "5," and the 15s and 15s surcharged "10," all of these bearing the date "1909" as well. Inverted surcharges occur in most of these, and double ones as well, not to mention errors in the figures. The 25 on 30s was also surcharged in blue as well as red by mistake (?). Two more followed in 1910 before the game was over, 1 on 3s and 5 on 15s.

Meanwhile, we must revert to two more commemorative sets. On September 13, 1902, Russian officers were to arrive as guests for the manoeuvres to be held at Shipka Pass, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the action which was a turning point in the war of liberation. The stamps were issued on that day and depict the Bulgars throwing down rocks upon their assailants, who were held at bay. The stamps are stated to have been lithographed in Budapest. From the same source in 1907 came another set, this time to mark the 20th anniversary of Prince Ferdinand's accession, which occurred on August 14, 1887. The design shows portraits of the Prince at the respective dates. The stamps were on sale for two weeks from August 14, O. S.

At last the long heralded new series was issued, with the exception of four values, on "King" Ferdinand's birthday, February 26, 1911. (Bulgaria had declared her independence of Turkish

suzerainty on October 5, 1908, and established herself as a kingdom). The stamps were engraved by the *Officina Calcografica Italiana*, the reputed branch of the American Bank Note Co. in Rome, and form a remarkably handsome set. The 2, 5, 10, and 25s stamps show various portraits of King Ferdinand—or "Czar," as the Parliament named him on July 10, 1911—while the 11 shows him attired in the costume of the first Christian Czar Boris (A. D. 852-884), from the painting by Andon Midov.

Pictures form the centers of the other values, the 1s showing the ruined fortress of Asen; the 3s a view of Tirnovo, the ancient capital, and the river Yantra; the 15s, the Isker Tunnel through the Balkan Mountains, not far from Sofia; the 30s, the interior of the famous Rila Monastery; the 50s, a reproduction of the painting by Yaroslav Veshin of the King and two Princes, Boris and Cyril on horseback at a military review; the 21, a view of the Monastery of Sv. Troitza (Holy Trinity) in the Balkans, north of Karlova; and lastly, the 31 pictures, Varna harbor, on the Black Sea, with its shipping.

Once again, on August 14, 1912, a commemorative issue of three values appeared to mark the 25th anniversary of the accession of King Alexander, who is shown in his latest portrait; and finally at the close of the Balkan war against Turkey, in 1913, seven values of the current set were surcharged "OS-VOB. VOINA" and "1912-1913" in two lines, the words signifying "War of Liberation". They were issued on August 15.

During the present year, the manufacturer of the stamps was entrusted to Messrs. Petiti & Co., of Rome, and three values in the current designs, but new colors were issued in July, 1915, the 5 and 30s being perforated 14 and the 15s perforated 11½ instead of 12 as previously. A surcharge of "10st" on the 25s of 1911 was issued in August, and doubtless more will follow, for now that Bulgaria is numbered among Italy's enemies, the Roman source of supply for Bulgarian stamps is closed. Further developments are sure in the near future.—*New England Stamp Monthly*.

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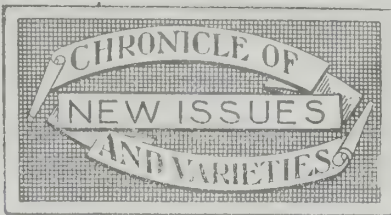
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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels sends
the following new envelope notes:

The Postoffice Department after the
opening of the new contract announced
that there would be four watermarks in
the 1915 series. Two have become fam-
iliar to most collectors and the third
has just been discovered in a manila
envelope. The new watermark, No. 21,
resembles the other two except that the
date 1915 is horizontal at the bottom of
the monogram.

New envelopes have been noted as
follows:

B.No.	Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2670 B	2c	B	5	Buff	18	87
	2c	A	7	Blue	19	51
	2c	A	14	Amber	20	93
	1c	A	6	Manila	21	75a

George W. Hartwell sends a copy of
the new United States reply post card.
The printing is in a deeper shade of
green, while the tablets and type of the
instructions on both cards are entirely
changed. The stamps are the same as
the previous issue.

Post Card.

1 x 1c deep green on pale buff.
We have been shown specimens of the
current 2c stamp by Mrs. E. W. Ough-
tred and F. J. Rider of the Gray Stamp
Co., in which the coloring shows on the
reverse side of the stamp, very much
like the 3c stamp recently chronicled in
this paper. The peculiar shades are
doubtless due to difficulty in securing
the dyes heretofore used in the manu-
facture of printing inks. Collectors will
do well to possess their souls in patience
as a sufficient supply of these stamps will
soon be available.

AUSTRALIA.—Ewen's Weekly notes the
issue of 3d Kangaroo stamp on a paper
with an entirely new watermark. It is
longer and much narrower than either
the first Kangaroo crown or the Tudor
crown, and is quite different in design
from any other yet seen.

AZORES.—The 1c Charity Stamp de-
scribed under the head of Portugal has
been overprinted for use in that Colony.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. Schachne re-
ports the receipt of a new reply card.
It is court-shape, has "REPLY CARD"
on second half and the impressed stamps
are die A on both cards.

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	A	B		A	B		A	B
1/2d green	.02	.25	.50	1s green	.37	1.25	3.00	
1d carmine	.04	.40	1.00	2s on blue	.65	2.00		
2d grey	.07	.50	1.00	2s 6d on blue	.85	3.00		
2 1/2d blue	.08	.75	1.50	5s white back	1.85	5.00		
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388 5c gray green on cover	.10	.05
393 20c yellow, green & black	.10	.04
401 1c 3/4d	.05	.02
402 2c green	.05	.02
403 1c 3/4d	.05	.02
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1/4c green.
1/4c red.
15c bright violet.
20c gray green.
25c blue.
30c blue green.
40c pink.
50c slate blue.
1p carmine lake.

SWITZERLAND.—Another provisional
has been issued for this country, the 70c
dark brown and buff of 1907-08 having
been surcharged "80" twice, the old value
having been obliterated by three rule
lines, like the previous provisionals. A
used copy of the new provisional has
been shown us by Michael P. Hynes.

Maur's Collectionneur notes the issue
of a permanent 13c stamp to take the
place of the provisionals issued earlier
in the year. The design is the same as
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THE APOTHEOSIS OF JIMMY O'.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

It was the early morning of an Arizona spring day, which is different from a day in spring elsewhere in the world. The air pulsed with heat. There was not a breath to raise even a grain of sand. Frevor Moore and I sat in the shadow of my tent-house at Willow, watching the trail which led across the divide to Lazy Bar ranch.

"In an hour or so you'll see a whirlwind up there, from which eventually will emerge Jimmy O', hitting the high spots in his burning haste to get to Phenicia," said Moore. "He will not be back until two months' pay—\$90—has been duly added to the assets of the local bars, and the joys of poker have eaten up what he calls his hard-saved earnings. It's his last chance, for election is coming, and the county may go dry."

We watched the trail. It was as Moore predicted.

Jimmy O'—short for O'Callaghan—was Irish in name and in wit. The rest was pure American.

The horse was very tired, after the long ride, but Jimmy O', the lust of strife in his bearing, was as chipper as usual with that somewhat cynical cowpuncher.

"I'll just hang my gun and scabbard here till I get back," began Jimmy, "an' the cayuse I'll anchor till he rests a bit."

"Better leave him here till you come back," I suggested. "The train goes in a couple of hours."

"Yes, Jimmy O', and it will get you there at least an hour before you can ride it," said Moore.

Jimmy looked dubiously at us. "You'll get action that much sooner," cynically added Moore.

A slow grin spread over Jimmy's face. "I need it, fer I'm sure full o' the milk o' human kindness this lovely hot day," declared Jimmy, as he perilously slanted a chair against the side of the tent-house, sagged into it, and began his monologue as he rolled the inevitable cigarette.

"I knew a boy once who had a fine collection of tobacco tags—complete, too. He used to keep 'em on an album made of boards, detachable—sort of a walking lumber-yard. When he stopped collecting, he built a house o' the boards, I'm told, an' gave the tags to a can factory."

Jimmy rolled another cigarette and then added, as afterthought: "Wrote a mon-e-graph on the collection, too. It won't the prize offered by the Tin Tag Association of the United States of America, Limited."

Jimmy grinned appreciatively at his humor. Moore and I were silent. Jimmy smoked in the calm of unruffled serenity.

The train bore Jimmy away duly. For three days, Moore and I milled around town, now and then dragging out my old albums and swapping stories about "finds" we had experienced or read of. The morning of the fourth day, we sat in front of the tent-house.

"It's a curious thing the way stamp collectors scent one another," declared Moore. "Reminds me of Willy Vauxhall, back East. Willy was a nice, cheerful boy who, besides being an ardent collector of stamps, chiefly Confederate, had the reputation of making love to about a dozen girls at a time. 'Willy', his former school-teacher confided to me, 'Willy can scent a skirt farther than any boy I ever taught, and I've had twenty years' experience.'"

"Which one will he marry?" I asked, interestedly.

"The school-teacher gave me a pitying look."

"He hasn't met her yet," she said. "When he does you'll get the announcement cards post-haste."

"And I did. Willy collected her inside six months."

"You see, old man," Willy explained after the honeymoon, 'Betty had a fine collection of Confederate States. That's what brought us together. Of course—and then Willy drooled off into those rhapsodies we all know about.'"

Moore laughed joyously at the recollection.

"And now," he added, impressively, "there's a promising lot of young stamp collectors in the Vauxhall family."

The train arrived and departed. We watched it expectantly.

"Most time for Jimmy O' to get back, don't you think?" I ventured.

"Today," Moore answered.

The afternoon was excessively warm. We lay down for the usual siesta. A slow step awakened us both, and as we sat up, who should loom before us but Jimmy O'—sad of face and sore of feet.

Moore looked him over coldly. "Nice walk you had?"

Jimmy nodded. Then he hit the olla frequently for ten minutes before his mood melted.

"When I left here four days ago," began Jimmy, impressively, "I had it all framed up for the usual time—a farewell, maybe. But I met an old cowpuncher from across the Gila—Johnny Williams, of Swastika K. Johnny and I were in Ad's place. Johnny had spent most all his money and he was sure some joyful at meeting up with an old friend who needed aid in relaxing a straining purse. While we were tellin' each other all our joys, in come a youngish chap—lunger, I thought—with a big book under his arm, all wrapped up. He talked with the bar-tender for awhile. Nothing doing in the literary line."

"Come on over an' have one with us," says Johnny, thinking the chap was thirsty. He came over to the table, set the book down with his hat on top, and said:

"Thank you. I won't drink. But—say—I'm sure lonesome and homesick and I want to know if either of you gentlemen has ever been in Michigan?"

Johnny grabbed his hand. "The Lord love ye, lad! I was raised there—born an' raised there—Ann Arbor."

"The lad was from a burg he called Lodi, near that town. And then they talked an' talked—names an' things that didn't mean anything to me."

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"An' here we are," says Johnny, "fifteen hundred miles from it all!"

"With that the boy just lay his head down on the table. We felt it shake. Johnny looked at me, his face full o' grief an' pain. I passed him my belt—\$87.50 left o' that \$90 I set out with."

"From the old folks at home," says Johnny joyous-like, as he hung it around the lad's neck. Then we all drank ginger ale—on the house. Me, too," and Jimmy O' sighed.

"Come to find out, the lad was dyin' of homesickness, not lungs. And say! He couldn't get to the train soon enough! Didn't even stop to rope his trunk!"

"It's a loan, Johnny—a loan, and it's saved my life!" He kept sayin' it over an' over—"saved my life—saved my life."

"Just before he got on the train he poked the book in Johnny's hands. 'Keep it—from me—it's all I got!' He couldn't say any more. Neither could we. Then he went into the car, and Johnny and I went back to the place 'whence all but him had fled.'"

"Here! You keep it—it's yours," says Johnny, and he made me take the package. Then I walked back—fer discipline—fer discipline."

Jimmy O' passed the book to Moore, went over to an empty hammock, stretched out, and promptly fell asleep. Moor unloosed the cord, disclosing a cloth-bound International. There was little in it besides old Germans. Then, like "stout Cortez" of the poem (but Balboa in fact) we

"Look'd at each other with a wild surmise—"

Silent, upon a peak in Darien."

The German States were not complete, but there was richness. Baden No. 1 was unused, a fine stamp, well-centered, and with large margins. The rest were used. Bavaria was complete, while Oldenburg claimed Nos. 4, 5, and 11, with others less rare. Thurn-Taxis, North German Postal District, and the Empire made fine showings,—in fact, it was a notable lot of nice things.

Jimmy O' awoke just before sun-down. "Next week," he began the monologue impressively, "is the election. Jimmy O' goes dry. He puts his money in other things. Stamps, fer instance."

Then he turned to me, with his usual slow grin.

"An' while we're waitin' to grub up, you might lend me a copy of MEKEEL'S to read. I sure do need lit'ry trainin'."

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POLAND.

By FRED. J. MELVILLE.

The ill-starred country which once was the proud kingdom of Poland has had more adhesive postage stamps thrust upon it within the past few months than it has ever known before. Hitherto, indeed, the solitary ten kopecs stamp issued in Poland in 1860 has been the well-worn subject for the facetious philatelist who has claimed the possession of a "complete" collection of Polish stamps by virtue of the ownership of a single copy of the only adhesive stamp issued specially for that country.

Of the original Polish stamp less is known than of most early issues of adhesives. We know not with certainty where it was made; its general appearance suggests the Russian Imperial printing works, but the perforation does not compare with that of the contemporary Russian stamps. It was formerly supposed to have been lithographed, the impressions not being of the quality of the Russian typographed issues, but it is now known that the stamp was printed from galvanic copper plates in sheets of one hundred (ten rows of ten). The design resembles the first Russian stamps, but the inscription below the Imperial arms is in Polish, reading ZA LOT KOP 10 (ten kopecs per lot, a lot being a weight just under half an ounce).

The Polish stamp of 1860 was introduced after the postal organization of the country was separated from that of Russia. Previously, the Russian Imperial stamps had been used in Poland. Following upon the revolution of 1863-64, the control of the Post Office was again taken over by the Russian Post Office, and 393,450 of the stamps remaining in stock were confiscated. Thus ended the short career of the only original Polish adhesive postage stamp.

To-day, the much troubled country has more than a score of new stamps provided for it, made in Germany and in Austria. Five of them are the German stamps with the picture of a German actress in heavy armour, typifying plainly the military obsession of Prussia. These are overprinted in black in German

black letter type, "Russisch-Polen", the values are 3, 5, 10, 20 and 40 pfennig. They were issued on May 1 of this year at nine German postal establishments in Russian Poland at Bendzin, Czenstochau, Kalisch, Kolo, Konin, Lodz, Tabrianice, Sieradz, and Wlocawek. The recent developments of the campaign have possibly increased the number of places at which these stamps were used.

The first Austrian set, although a much larger one, is not so pretentiously overprinted. The stamps are the military post stamps of Bosnia (all bearing portraits of the aged Emperor), simply overprinted "K.U.K. Feldpost" (Royal and Imperial Field Post), for use by the Austro-Hungarian forces in Poland. The overprint is in black on each of the twenty-one denominations, which range from 1 heller to 10 korona.

These, according to the latest advices, have been sold out, and a brand new set of specially engraved Royal and Imperial Field Post stamps has been issued. In colour and general appearance of the designs the stamps resemble the Bosnian military series, but all the heller values, from 1 to 72 heller, show a full-face portrait of the Emperor, and all the korona values, from 1 to 10 korona, show a profile portrait of the aged ruler. Across the top of the stamps the only inscription in words reads "K.u.K. Feldpost," and in the lower corners are large uncoloured figures of value on tablets of colour. In this series, also of 21 values, the colours correspond to those of the Bosnian military issue, except in the 35 and 50 heller, which are in deep shades of green.

The omission of the name Bosnia-Herzegovina from the new stamps indicates that these are being used as military stamps throughout the territories occupied by the Austro-Hungarian armies on the Galician and Polish fronts.

These stamps may never go into the catalogues as "Polish" stamps; they will be classed, like the German war stamps of 1870, as military issues of Germany and Austria respectively.—Telegraph.

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Allow 32 letters to the line. [tf]

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WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 466 Insurance Exchange Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

PHILATELY AT THE FAIR.

Several months ago there appeared an item in the WEEKLY to the effect that stamp collecting was not represented at the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition, except by the exhibit of Government proofs in connection with the Model Post Office. Evidently the person who wrote that item was not alert and went only to the Mines Building.

In taking up this subject, let us consider the philatelic events preceding the Fair. The Panama-Pacific Commemorative stamp issue is familiar to all collectors. This series was issued not only to advertise the Fair, but to commemorate the opening of the Panama Canal. No doubt, many will think that I should place the Panama Canal first, but as every one knew that the Canal was open, the main purpose accomplished by the stamps was to advertise the Fair, and there is no doubt but that they did much toward keeping the Fair before the people. In fact, one can scarcely lick one of the Panama stamps without thinking of the Fair. This series was issued two years before the opening of the Exposition. However, the details of the issue are as familiar to readers as to myself.

Post-marks also figure in the philatelic advertising campaign of the Exposition. Los Angeles, San Francisco, and many other of the California cities used a post-mark at least eighteen months prior to the opening date, reading "World's Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco 1915." San Diego, of course, had a mark to advertise her own Exposition reading "Panama California Exposition San Diego—1915."

Other post-marks probably less familiar to collectors are the marks of the Model Post Office itself. This Model Post Office is located in the Mines Building, and consists of a fully equipped post-office, with all modern devices used in the handling of mail. This office handles the Exposition mail, and conducts the business of a regular post-office. One may drop a letter in the receiving window, then ascend to the balcony and watch the letter as it moves along the conveyor and is post-marked and deposited in the mail-pouch for transportation. Then, by going to the Transportation Building, one may pass through a fully equipped mail car, and so learn of the "inner-workings" of the postal system.

Ordinary mail matter is cancelled with the San Francisco circular town and date stamp, and the rectangular bar stamp inscribed in four lines "Model Post Office Panama-Pacific International Exposition". Registered mail receives a different set of obliterations. The stamp is cancelled by an oval hand-stamp inscribed "San Francisco—Cal—" in the outer oval and "Model Post Office" in the center. On the reverse, a circular hand-stamp in magenta reads "San Francisco (Model Post Office Sta.) Cal. REGISTERED" and date in center. Doubtless other stamps are in use on parcel post matter, etc.

As one descends the balcony after overlooking the post office, a rack of frames is seen. The frames contain the Government stamp display, consisting of proofs of every United States stamp from 1847 to 1909. Of course, watermark, perforation and grill varieties are not shown. The colors are not the same in shade as the original postage stamps, as is usually the case with United States proofs. However, the exhibit is very carefully prepared and to the laymen is probably as interesting as though the stamps in question were shown. The collector is interested in the proofs of the 1902 and later issues, as these are extremely rare. In fact, this display is the first the writer has ever seen of these issues. The Philippine series is also represented in proofs, both surcharged and unsurcharged, and color changes. These are

also very rare. The government display also includes some post office curios, which have no philatelic interest.

The Treasury Department has an exhibit in the same building, wherein they have a demonstration of the process of printing paper money and stamps, which is of interest to collectors. Personally, the item of greatest interest to me was the cancelled \$10,000 gold certificate. These things are quite rare in these parts, and indications are that they will continue to be. The display of paper money, fractional currency, and government bonds is interesting, and shows well the intricate work of engraving. A display of damaged currency sent in for redemption speaks of the almost uncanny powers of the people in charge of this work.

The United States has the most elaborate display of philatelic interest, owing to the Model Post Office and the Treasury Exhibit. Many other governments are represented philatelically, however.

A Dutch engraving concern, manufacturing the current and recent issues of Netherlands and Colonies, Persia, had a private display consisting of several frames. This display was not a part of the government display, but was an example of the work of the manufacturing concern. The display consisted of strips of five of the Gulden value of Netherlands, the Nassau-Orange Series complete, the current series of Dutch Indies, Surinam, Curacao, and recent issues thereof, and the new Persia series. All were of course, uncanceled, and absolutely perfect in color, centering and perforation.

The Republic of China had a set of the current stamps in India paper proofs complete to \$10 in a single frame. Inquiry of the attendant as to whether or not any of these proofs could be purchased was without result, as is usual.

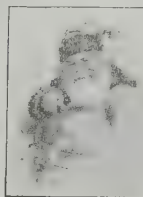
Japan was not to be outdone, for she went further and had a set of first issue stamps as well as a complete sheet with margins of the current 4 sen and a current set. Whether the first issue were proofs or counterfeit, or genuine, was not to be determined. I assume that they were proofs.

New Zealand had a very fine exhibit, consisting of a complete display from the first issues to the present. The first issues were proofs or reprints, unperfected. The display was unique inasmuch as all values to the ten pound were included. Official issues were also represented, as well as the various surcharges for Penrhyn Island, Niue, Aitutaki, King Edward VII Land, Victoria Land. This entire exhibit was tastefully arranged and probably the finest philatelic exhibit at the Exposition. Cook Islands was also included in this display, and was practically complete. Of course, watermarks and perforations were not considered. To show the care taken in making this display complete, I may add that even the current 4d was shown in both colors.

In the Australian Building, the various states had a philatelic display consisting of a cancelled set of the last issue of each state, as well as a set of the well-known Kangaroo stamps.

As I spent only three days at the Exposition and had to cover the entire grounds in that time, I did not have time to make a very thorough canvass for stamps. In fact, I spent so much time in the Palace of the Nibbling Arts partaking of the Scotch scones with raspberry jam, that I was forced to leave without visiting the majority of the Foreign Buildings, so it is quite possible that I missed some of the exhibits. All of the ones mentioned here were located in the main exhibition palaces.

This article being written from memory, some six weeks after my visit to the Exposition, I cannot guarantee the absolute accuracy of every statement.



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BOYS

This for the benefit of the careful man who will insist that the first issues of New Zealand were the actual stamp and not proofs. Maybe they were. They looked good, anyway, and as long as the guard watched them and prevented me from robbing the frame, I don't care what they were.

I just received a big order. A kind collector in Hickburg, Nevada, wants a copy of every Philippine stamp sent him on approval. Let's put him in the same cell with the gollup that wants you to quote on Papua complete, postally used.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

To the Editor:—

Judging by Mr. Thorn Smith's letter in the WEEKLY for Nov. 6th, I did not make myself perfectly clear in my letter about benzin.

Benzin is still obtainable, but *not* in a garage or paint store. These two only sell "motor spirit." Benzin, the same old benzin which collectors have used for years, is on sale in almost every drug store in New York and many other cities, at 10c a can holding about 4 ounces.

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The Canadian climate is cold in winter and warm in summer, but healthy all the year round. With all its extremes of cold it permits of the cultivation in the open air of grapes, peaches, tobacco, tomatoes, and corn. The snow is an essential condition of the prosperity of the timber industry, the means of transport in winter, the protector of the soil from frost, and the source of endless enjoyment in outdoor sports.

The French Canadians are almost exclusively the descendants of the French in Canada in 1763, there being practically no immigration from France. The French language is by statute, not by treaty, an official language in the Dominion Parliament and in Quebec, but not now in any other province, though documents, etc., may for convenience be published in it. English is understood almost everywhere except in the rural parts of Quebec, where the *habitants* speak a patois which has preserved many of the characteristics of 17th century French.

The Indian people, numbering a little over 108,000 in 1902, are scattered throughout the Dominion. They are usually located on reserves, where efforts, not very successful, are made to interest them in agriculture and industry. Many of them still follow their ancestral occupations of hunting and fishing, and they are much sought after as guides in the sporting centres. The Dominion government exercises a good deal of parental care over them and for them; but the race is stationary, if not declining.

The constitution of Canada is of a federal character, midway between the British and United States constitutions. The federated provinces retain their local legislatures. The Federal Parliament closely follows the British model, and the cabinet is responsible to the House of Commons. The members of the Senate are appointed by the governor-general in council, and retain their seats for life, and each group of provinces is

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The half-breeds of the northwest broke out in rebellion in 1869-70, but it collapsed as soon as the forces led by Colonel Wolsey reached Fort Garry on Winnipeg. Riel, the leader, escaped, to return later and foment another outbreak in 1885. This proved more dangerous but was eventually suppressed and Riel executed. The chief events since have been the Halifax award (1888), which justified the Canadian contention against the United States interference with fisheries. The Behring Sea award (1897) settled the sealing difficulty; and a joint commission met at Quebec in 1898 to determine all outstanding questions between Canada and the United States. In 1903 these reached a final solution in the Alaskan Boundary Commission's settlement of the frontier line between British Columbia and Alaska.

II.—ITS POSTAL HISTORY.

The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* for August, 1868, contained an interesting article on the history of the Canadian Post-office, largely compiled from information given in the "Canadian Postal Guide," which we cannot do better than quote in full.

The earliest records of the administration of the post-office in Canada, are dated 1750, at which period the celebrated Benjamin Franklin was Deputy Postmaster-General of North America. At the time of his appointment, the revenue of the department was insufficient to defray his salary of \$1500 per annum, but under his judicious management, not only was the postal accommodation in the provinces considerably extended, but the revenue so greatly increased, that ere long the profit for one year, which he remitted to the British Treasury, amounted to \$15,000.

In the evidence given by Franklin before the House of Commons in the year

1766, in regard to the extent of the post-office accommodation in North America, he made the following statement:—

The posts generally travel along the sea coasts, and only in a few cases do they go back into the country. Between Quebec and Montreal there is only one post per month. The inhabitants live so scattered and remote from each other in that vast country, that the posts cannot be supported amongst them. The English colonies, too, along the frontier, are very thinly settled.

In 1774, Franklin was recalled, and the following year the War of Independence broke out, and the office was filled by Mr. Hugh Finlay, who had, under his predecessor, been postmaster at Quebec.

Canada is divided into Upper and Lower. From a Quebec almanack of 1796, we glean that there were seven offices in the former and five in the latter. Mr. Finlay is designated as "Deputy Postmaster-General of His Majesty's Province of Canada."

At that time mails were dispatched monthly to England, and semi-weekly between Quebec and Montreal, or Halifax. At Baie des Chaleurs the visits of the postman must, we conclude, have been few and far between, as they were only favored with a mail "as occasion offered."

In 1800, Mr. George Heriot succeeded Mr. Finlay. At this time Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, were all under the authority of the Canadian administration.

The following is taken from the advertising column of the *Upper Quebec Gazette*, printed in 1807:—

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Monday, 14th January.
Monday, 12th February.
Monday, 12th March.
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Mr. Heriot resigned in 1816, and was succeeded by Mr. D. Sutherland, who, on his accession to office, found Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island wholly withdrawn from the Canada charge. New Brunswick, however, continued to be included in it. This appears also to have been withdrawn in 1824, so that from that date until just lately, we have to do with Canada proper.

(To be continued.)

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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In A Prison Camp—According to Mr. K. Baumann's communication in the WEEKLY of November 27th, the New York *Staats Zeitung* has proved that one Iriasiens, (Joosten), Wilryck, Antwerp, Belgium, is an imposter. It may be remembered that in our issue of August

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"*Post Stamp*," at That—The explanations to account for the impulse to collect stamps are more or less ingenious, and in the past, they often were discussed sagely and earnestly. In fact, one of the staple subjects for articles in the stamp papers of a generation or more ago was based on this consideration. An editorial in a newspaper before us divulges a new reason for collecting stamps, which to our recollection has not been advanced before. The following is the bit of philosophy in question: "The desire to leave a record for having lived accounts for everything from children to iron crosses, from post stamp collections to autobiographies, from membership in bowling clubs to mention in histories."

Odds—A reader shows an envelope that enclosed a circular, bearing the left diagonal half of the one penny red, 1900, Turks Island, canceled "T. I." that was dispatched to Mayaguez, Porto Rico, and there delivered in the regular way. An Italian military postal card has no inscription of value but bears the coat-of-arms of Italy in colors, in the upper right hand corner. We read that a Colombian banker has invented a boat "which is a development of the hydro-plane idea" and that he has the contract to carry mails up the Magdalena River for the Colombian government, whereupon a subscriber speaks right out to ask if special stamps will be needed, in consequence.

So It Stands—From Mr. Wm. F. Works, we hear: "I have just received a line from Embossed Emil asking me to tell him the difference between United States 314d and 314f in the 1916 catalogue. I don't know, do you?" Here is a good illustration, it seems, of the phrase, a distinction without a difference, or "strange all this difference there should be, 'Twixt Tweedledum and Tweedledee." Still, if Homer nodded and Shakespeare "drowsed" surely the makers of the indispensable book may take a cat-nap, now and then. (We suppose that "cat" should have been quoted to have brought out the joke plainly.) By-the-way, "d" is imperforate horizontally and "p" is perf. vertically. Imperforate horizontally suggests vertical perforation and "perf. vertically" indicates horizontal imperforation.

Sounds Well—In the *Outlook* recently was an interesting account: "San Marino: The Smallest of the Allies," in the course of which, the paragraph, appears: "The postoffice, offering fifteen denominations of Sammarinese stamps current throughout the world, opens its little window at four stated hours in the twenty-four and if there is no one waiting, it closes; nor will entreaty prevail if one arrives late." We are impressed by "Sammarinese" as much as by the reluctance of the post office to sell stamps except during office hours, especially as in 1894, San Marino was accused of inflated issues for speculative purposes. In that year, the "oldest republic in the world" celebrated the opening of the new government palace and the installation of the new regents by an issue of three picture stamps to say nothing of the six-colored registration envelope that made so stunning an appearance. To return to Sammarinese; we like its euphony but we introduce it to philately with some misgivings. We may soon have inquiries from readers asking what and where Sammarinese is.

Death of Charles Bosserman—From Mr. John F. Sensow, we have received news of the death of Charles Bosserman of LaPorte, Indiana, which took place in California, unexpectedly. Mr. Bosserman was very active in civic and business affairs, and was a prominent factor in the development of his city until his retirement several years ago. Mr. Bosserman's interests were very extensive and his society affiliations numerous; and in the newspaper list of his connections, we read: "In addition he was a member of the American Philatelic Society." Mr. Bosserman was a collector in a general way and limited his operations to United States stamps only, in later years. Mr. Bosserman was over sixty years of age and his death was mourned generally in LaPorte.

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There are four values and three designs, and we give in detail the description as quoted by the *Postage Stamp* from a Japanese paper:

The two lower values, viz. 1 1/2 and 3 sen, intended for inland postage, are of the usual form and are surface-printed in two colours. The 1 1/2 sen stamp shows a form of crown used by the Emperor at the coronation in the central oval and ornamented with traditional trees growing at the front of the old Imperial Palace at Kyoto. The oval is in blue-black and the other part is in carmine. The 3 sen stamp shows the Imperial Throne used at the coronation in the central oval and is surrounded by decorative designs with bamboo, pownia, etc. The oval is in violet and the other part is in orange. These two stamps are from the designs by the artists attached to the government printing bureau.

The two higher values of 4 and 10 sen which are intended for foreign postage, are oblong and are printed in tail-douce in one colour. Both are of the same design by Mr. Saburoku Okada, one of the foremost artists in Japan, and shows the Shishinden, a part of the Imperial Palace at Kyoto which is used only for grand ceremonies, at the centre, with a military officer in the old style Japanese uniform to right and with banner, drum, etc., used at the coronation to the left. The colours for these stamps will be in accordance with the postal union regulation.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Will the Chicago collector interested in the S. P. A. send his name and address to Mr. Webb? He will then receive the desired application.

—Geo. Ganderberger, Jr., has done some very effective work in securing evidence against C. Hall of Chicago, to whom reference was made in the last issue of the WEEKLY. Hall swindled many dealers and a strong effort is being made to establish a case against him for using the mails with intent to defraud.

—Will W. C. Boulton please give us the name of his town or city?

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from W. G. Birdseye and G. P. Hawley.

—During November, 64 applications for membership in the S. P. A. were received by Secretary Webb. A record breaking number in the history of the S. P. A. and the history of any stamp society.

—W. F. Slusser, Sec.-Treas. American Stamp Dealers' Association, is leav-

ing Key West, Fla., together with his wife and daughter on December 19 for Manila, P. I., where he expects to make his home for two years. C. V. Webb becomes Sec.-Treas. Dec. 15 and is entering on the work with a zest which means a big year for the A. S. D. A.

A NEW CANADA WAR STAMP.

For some time it has been indicated that Canada was to have a 3c stamp due to the 1c war tax recently placed on correspondence. We are in receipt of information that the current 2c stamp will be converted into a war stamp by some form of a surcharge, and the provisional will be awaited with interest. We quote the following despatch to the *Montreal Gazette*, and coming as it does from Ottawa, the news may be considered authentic:

"OTTAWA, December 3.—The Post Office Department, as indicated a few days ago, has decided to issue a stamp of the value of three cents, obviating the necessity of putting two stamps, regular and war postage, on letters. Upon the two cent stamp a special mark will be placed giving it the value of three cents. In this way it will be easier to revert after the war to the regular two cent postage."

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We are soliciting business for the issue of the WEEKLY to be dated January 8, and with which we shall celebrate our 25th birthday anniversary. We expect it to be a superb number in every respect. The Edgewood Stamp Co. advising us that they will be represented by a quarter page give us this kind word:

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The New York *World* of Monday, December 6, contained an article dealing with the present dye shortage. It is claimed that mills are shutting down and facing the impossibility of getting anilines as heretofore from Germany, manufacturers are seeking to persuade the public to wear white. U. S. stamps, bank notes and even candy are affected and no immediate relief is in sight. We quote an interesting paragraph from the article:

"The Government has had to modify the mixture of colors for postage stamps with the result that the shades on the stamps are said to be less intense. Bank note printing has been affected, but to a lesser extent. All paper made from wood pulp has a yellow tinge which has to be taken out by blue bleaching."

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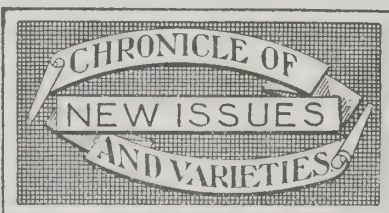
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UNITED STATES.—The following new envelopes have been reported by J. M. Bartels Co.:

B.No.	Denom.	Die.	Type.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
2614c	2c	D	6	5	Buff	17	87
1c	A	8	White	20	91		
2c	C	8	White	20	91		
1c	A		Manila	21	Wpr.		

Ed. W. Webster reports having found several of the current 2c stamps with a line extending down in the lower right hand corner. This stamp is found in one vertical row only on the plate, the number of which has not yet been identified but Mr. Webster has a pair of these in which this error shows only on the right hand stamp. He submits a copy for examination.

CHILE.—The Albermarle Stamp Co. has shown us an unused copy of new lithographed 2c, Scott's type No. A33; as noted in No. 1296.

N. W. PACIFIC ISLANDS.—Roy S. Farley sends a letter received from the Post Master at Rabaul, N. W. Pacific Islands, which shows the Australian Occupation force are using the former German official stationery, and also showing the denominations of stamps now in use there. The 1/2d, 1d, 4d and 5d stamps are of the King George Australian issue, and the 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 9d and 1sh are Kan-

garoo, all of which are surcharged, N. W. Pacific Islands. The surcharged German stamps are out of issue. Mr. Farley adds:

"In your November 20th issue you stated that Hermann Focke had received a registered letter from Rabaul, dated Sept. 16, with a German Registration label No. 8. As you will note my letter was dated Sept. 23 and bore label No. 45. The cover itself is very odd in that below the "Passed by Censor" mark, are the initials, "W. Y.", also on the back it was initialed by three different persons. The first initial being "S. S." which are the Rabaul Postmaster's, as you will note by the letter. Both the front and back of the cover was covered by a large cross in red pencil, and have cancellations of Rabaul; Sydney, Australia; Honolulu and San Diego, California. I found an error in a pair of the 1/2d, the stamp above having a different S. to the attached one below."

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

(Continued from page 428.)

Room looked like Woolworth's on the Day before Christmas.

"Dearie, Mr. Besern is coming out to teach us how to find Stitch Watermarks tonight."

Hazel gave a Shriek and her Eyes grew Glassy. A new Torture was to be added to her Afflictions.

"If you don't go and play Poker to-night, you'll cook your own Flannel-cakes in the Morning," she said.

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Moral:—Even a Seebeck is good for Something.

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186 26c bistre brown03	.02
188 1p yellow20	.10
410 17c violet and slate ..	.10	.04
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333 1891, 2pi ochre15	.07
335 1893, 20pa violet brown ..	.25	.10
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3 1p scarlet05	.02
42 Uruguay, 1877, 10c vermilion ..	.10	.04
59 1884, 2c rose06	.03
66 5c violet04	.02
84 1891, 5c violet10	.04
153 10c gray violet10	.04
382 1c yellow green12	.06
30 Venezuela, 1879, 1c yellow....	.15	.07
30a 1879, 1c orange16	.07
71 1887, 5c green08	.03
72a 50c dark blue50	
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2c, perf. 12 horizontally, mint pair....	.40
1c, perf. 8 1/2 vertically, mint pair....	.10
2c, perf. 8 1/2 vertically, mint pair....	.12
3c, perf. 8 1/2 vertically, mint pair....	.20
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The 258th meeting was held December 2, 1915. President Klein called the meeting to order at 8.40 and appointed Mr. W. O. Staeb, Secretary pro-tem, on account of Mr. Denzau's absence. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. Treasurer's report for year 1915 was read and found to be satisfactory with ample funds on hand. After the regular business was disposed of election of officers was in order, and the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for all the officers as there was only one candidate for each office. They were, as stated above. Mr. Klein thereupon handed the gavel to Mr. J. M. Bartels, who made a speech of acceptance, and gave us an idea of what was to be expected from the president-elect, the other officers also made their little speeches, and from indications it promises to be a very busy and interesting year, for the Society. A standing vote of thanks was given to Mr. Klein for his active interest shown by him for the Society's welfare in the capacity of President and also for other services rendered. Through Mr. J. A. Klemm's sudden departure to Europe, his collection of Confederates was not shown. As there was only one exhibit presented for competition, and as this was to be the decisive competition for the President's and Society's Cup, the competition was postponed until December 16, 1915, the next meeting; the exhibit to be St. Kitts, St. Helena, St. Vincent and St. Lucia, and it is hoped that there will be more competitors. Messrs. Klein and Schlesinger donated stamps, which were sold for the Club's benefit. Meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock. Those present were Mrs. Held, Messrs. Bartels, Conrad, Jankovic, Klein, Koller, Dr. Keidanz, Lehman, Monhib, Meininger, Moye, Raess, Schlesinger, Schiesel, Staeb and Wagner.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Application for membership: Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, 28 Lincoln Avenue, Montreal, Canada; stamp dealer; age, legal. References, O. K. Proposed by S. M. Edwards.

Dues received from applicant, 60c. S. M. EDWARDS, Sec.

1932 Mt. Vernon St., Phila., Pa. Nov. 30, 1915.

15 var. Netherlands, 10c. Fine appr. low cost. Wagenvoord, 609 Maple, Lansing, Mich. [tf]

Uruguay Nos. 72, 73, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82, 86, for 10c. GEO. H. QUINTARD, Norwalk, Ct. [tf]

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

Edited by BILL BLOSS, 466 Insurance Exchange Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

CORRESPONDENTS.

I owe an apology to the many readers who wrote me for information this summer, while I was away from home. However, it will be recalled that I published a request to hold all such letters until my return this fall, so I can hardly be responsible for them.

I shall be glad to hear from collectors at all times and will do my best to answer all queries through these columns. Whenever you have a difficulty, particularly one of interest to others, or a kick, or suggestion to make, let me hear from you. Also if you see or hear anything unusual, in the stamp line, let us hear about it.

ANSWERS.

A. J. Reynolds:—Your Queensland stamp cancelled New South Wales is a new one on me. The fact that it is cancelled in violet leads me to believe that it is a revenue. At the present time, as far as I know, the stamps of any of the Australian States may be used in any state. However, at this early date I cannot account for the cancellation. I believe one of two things: either that it is an old stamp used recently under the new ruling, or a stamp that escaped cancellation in Queensland and was cancelled in New South Wales.

Your Canada No. 40 with portions of four stamps on reverse is quite common and merely shows the offset. This is caused, I believe, by placing one sheet upon another while the ink is still wet. It is quite frequently found on United States stamps.

L. C. K.—I don't want the responsibility of giving you financial advice about your collecting. However, if you spend your money for new issues, you are sure of the face value, at least, in most cases. Just what profit you will make on a collection, I can't say.

J. C. L.—Persia 1911 series was printed in Holland. The British post offices in Turkey are closed, and the Levant stamps obsolete. Yes, French India No. 22 is a hard one. I have only seen a few copies as far as I can recollect.

THE FABLE OF THE WOMAN WHO ENFORCED HER RIGHTS.

Once upon a Time, there lived a Wise Gollop who was so Wise he could almost be classed as a Gazoop, which is only one stage below a Guhak. This Gollop was so wise he couldn't get a Hat that would stick.

Only once in his Life had he made a Mistake. That was the Time when the Wedding Bells pealed forth, and he led Hazel to the Burial Place of his Liberty. He wondered why all the Married Men looked sad. When Hazel said the Love, Honor and Obey, she had her fingers crossed.

Like all New Things, this Happy Romance glided along like Grandma on an Icy Walk. The First Summer everything was all Rosy. Hubert loved her Eyes so much he never missed his Freedom. When the Maples began to turn,

and the Frost was on the Well-known Pumpkin, it happened. One morning, on the 7.12 Hubert found an Evil Idea curled up on the floor, disguised as a Poker Chip. With a Mad Shout of Recognition, he seized it, and called a Mass-meeting of four of his Fellow Slaves. Sure, that night.

The 5.55 was a Slow Freight for Hubert. He pushed down the Fish Balls and grabbed his Kelly and when Hazel went to put the Ice Card out, he went out the Back Way. He made Jerry's in Four Hops, and Nourished the Feline into the Young Hours. Being an Amateur he walked into the House like he owned the Dump, and was as quiet as an Elephant.

When Hubert administered the Morning Kiss, he didn't need his Lamps to see that he was All Wrong. He was so busy dodging the 42 Centimeters he could hardly put the Wheats down. On the 7.12 the Mob consoled him and plotted another Orgy for that evening.

Hubert winked at the Cat and said "Dearie, I've a very sick Masonic—" "Nix on that Sick Brother stuff. You're glued to the Roost tonight, you Wife Deserter."

"But, Precious, I must—" "Can that Chatter and get out your Crocheting. You're anchored."

Hubert knew when he was Licked, which proves that he is a Wise Gollop. Once in a while, in his Younger Days, Hubert used to Think. He renewed the Practice, and an Idea evolved. He winked again at the Cat, and went up in the Attic.

"Come down, you Worm. Don't try to sneak out through the Sky-light." This from the One who had promised to Love, Honor and Obey.

Hubert came down with an Arm-ful of Trouble, published by a firm called Scott. With a mighty Sweep, he brushed the Clutter from the Library Table and spread out the New Form of Annoyance all over the 98c Center Piece.

"You're a Dear, Good Boy to stay in," said the Lady Kaiser. Hubert only winked at the Cat again. Next day, Hazel spent Two Hours picking up Pieces of Paper from the Rug.

After dinner, Hazel watched her Prey. Again the City Directory was brought out, and this time an Appendix was brought out and also a cute little Red sort of Prayer-book. Hazel gave it the Up and Down but held her Peace. The Brute was staying Home.

Next day, when Hazel showed her new Tea-pot to the Ladies' Aid Society, she spilled a mess of Little Stickers in Mrs. Hasgold's Lap.

That evening, as usual Hubert brought out the Junk and went to it. "Let's go to the Wiggly Pictures tonight," Hazel suggested. "Nix, I must get these See-becks mounted," murmured Hubert. "Here, you take this Glass and look for Shifted Transfers." Wherein Hazel was enlightened.

After two weeks of Discourse on the Virtues of a Colombian Republic Collection and a Detailed Study of the Stamps of Bolivar, Hazel began to wonder if Poker was an Evil. She guessed it was a Blessing when she found her College Annual filled with 3c 1851's that Hubert was taking the Creases out of.

That afternoon, the local Representative of Mr. Adams brought in a ten pound sack. The Plot thickened, and grew Dark and Murky. When Hubert saw it, he gave a Squeal of Delight, like a Shoat in an Apple-barrel, and dove into it. "Here's 100,000 2c 1890's for you to look through for Caps." Hazel fell in the Oven.

Next Morning, they ate on Pie Plates, so as not to Interrupt the Continentals that were Soaking in the Haviland. Every Morning, the Post-man left Forty Registereds for Hubert and Hazel had to break into her Beauty Sleep to get up and sign for them. The Janitor

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died from Over-work, caused by carrying out the Auction Catalogues. Even the Gold-fish had to move into a Fruit Jar so that Hubert could soak Colonials. Hazel picked South Americans out of the Bath-tub, and her Tooth-brush tasted of the Original Gum on the British Guianas. Her Near-cut-glass Bowl that Aunt Sue gave her received a coat of Black Paint and was a fine Watermark Detector. All her China went into the Attic so that the Albums could go into the Cabinet. Her Dining- (Continued on page 426.)

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The following extract from the *Quebec Mercury*, published on July 18, 1829, conveys some idea of the postal communication with England at that period:

No later advices have been received from Europe since our last. Some further extracts from the London papers, to 31st May, inclusive, brought to New York by the *Corinthian*, will be found in another part of this number.

In the *Montreal Courant*, dated September 2nd, 1829, was the following paragraph, showing the improvement which had been effected in the communication between Prescott and that city:—

EXPEDITIOUS TRAVELLING.—On Saturday last, the Upper Canada line of stages performed the journey from Prescott to this city in about 17 hours, leaving the former place at a little before 3 a. m., and arriving here a few minutes before 8 in the evening. Not many years ago this journey occupied two, and sometimes three days, but owing to the great improvements made by Mr. Dickinson, the enterprising proprietor, by putting steamboats on the lakes St. Francis and St. Louis, and keeping his horses in excellent condition, it is now performed in little more than one-third of the time.

Even so late as 1833, newspaper proprietors found it (particularly in the Upper Province) better to employ their own couriers. As a proof of this we transcribe from the *Queenston* (Niagara) *Colonial Advocate*, of that year the following advertisement:—

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The transfer of the Canadian post-office from the control of the imperial authorities to the Colonial government, was effected April 6th, 1851. Mr. Stayner then resigned, and the office was filled by the Hon. James Morris, who was the first Postmaster-General. This may be termed the red-letter year of the Canadian post-office. In the first place, the postage, which had hitherto been according to distance and had averaged 15 cents on each letter, was reduced to a uniform rate of 5 cents per half ounce. The newspaper charge was also considerably reduced. Within a year after, the number of letters transmitted through the post had increased 75 per cent. The operation of the department was greatly extended, and last, but most decidedly not least, was the introduction of postage stamps. In February, 1855, the money-order system was first begun, and has within the last few years been greatly extended. Letters seem to have been first registered in 1856. In October of that year the Grand Trunk Railway was completed as far as Toronto so that, in connection with the Great Western, an unbroken line of postal communication was established between Quebec in the east and Windsor in the west.

The decimal system of coinage was introduced in 1859; this, of course, as is well known, necessitated a new issue of postal labels.

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10 Finland	.10	10 Persia	1.60	100 "	.50
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10 Cuba	.40	10 Persia	1.60	100 "	.50
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Continuing the postal history from where the article in the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* concludes we find that in 1869 the color of the 1c value was changed to yellow as it was found that the brown-red color was too easily confused with the red of the 3c. Early in the following year the 3c denomination appeared in a reduced size to be followed about April by the 1c and it was, naturally, presumed that the whole set would appear in this form. Two years elapsed, however, before further additions were made for it was not until 1872 that the 2c and 6c values appeared.

In 1874, an entirely new value—10 cents—was issued and in 1875 a 5c stamp made its appearance in the large size of the 1868 series. Mr. C. A. Howes, in his admirable monograph on the stamps of Canada, explains the belated appearance of this label as follows:—"The die of this large 5 cent stamp had been engraved in 1867 with the other values of the first Dominion series, but as there were no rates requiring such a denomination in the set, it was not issued. When in 1875 the need for a 5 cent value arose, the unused die was employed to make a plate for temporary use, until a new die conforming in size and design with the small stamps could be prepared." This large 5 cent stamp had a short life of about four months when it was superseded by the 5c value in the same size as the other denominations of 1869-73.

In 1882, the 1/2c value was reduced in size so that this stamp, as in the case of its predecessor of 1868, was smaller than the other denominations. From that date until 1892 no further changes were made so far as new designs or values were concerned though some striking alterations in shade took place, notably in the case of the 6c and 10c values.

In 1892, 20c and 50c stamps were issued for use on heavy packages. These not only differed in design from the other stamps of the series then current but were also very much larger. In 1893 an 8c stamp was issued which was used for prepayment of postage and the registration fee and upon its advent the special registration stamps ceased to be printed though existing stocks were, presumably, used up. In 1897, the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria was celebrated by the issue of a special series of stamps comprising no less than sixteen values ranging all the way from 1/2c to \$5. As to the utility, to say nothing of the necessity, of some of the higher denominations perhaps the less said the better for before and since Canada has managed to get along very well with a highest regular denomination of 50c.

In the latter months of the same year, and early in 1898 a new set was issued in a uniform design showing the Jubilee portrait of the Queen. This is known as the maple leaf issue from the fact that the lower angles are ornamented with maple leaves and in contradistinction to a modified design which almost immediately replaced it which had numerals in the lower corners.

The Christmas of 1898 was marked by the issuance of the celebrated 2c map stamp with its proud motto "We hold a vaster Empire than has been". This stamp was issued to mark the introduction of Imperial Penny Postage, and one consequence of the reduction in the postal rate was so to reduce the demand for the 3c value that in order to use up existing supplies more quickly they were overprinted "2 cents".

In 1899, the color of the 2c stamp was changed from purple to carmine, thus conforming to Postal Union regulations, in December, 1900, a 20c stamp of the type of 1898 was issued on the final exhaustion of the stock of the 1893 type; and in 1902 a 7c value was issued in place of the 8c for combined use in payment of registration and postage.

In 1903, 1c, 2c, 5c, 7c, and 10c values were issued bearing King Edward's portrait, a year later the 20c value in the same type was placed on sale, and in 1908, the stock of the old 50c stamps of 1893 having at last been used up, a King Edward stamp of that value was issued. In the same year the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of Quebec by Champlain was celebrated by the issue of a special set of stamps these being of the same large size as the Jubilee series of 1897, but with a different design for each denomination, while in 1912 a new series bearing the portrait of King George V made its bow and this completes Canada's postal history to date.

(To be continued.)

BROOKLYN SOCIETY ANNUAL.

The Brooklyn Stamp Society held its second annual banquet Dec. 6 at the Imperial, and was attended by thirty members and their ladies. C. H. Nammack, vice president, was toastmaster, and addresses were made by Messrs. Bradford, Ohlman, Gammans, Lycett, Missbach, Smith and Stanich. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, L. A. Missbach; Vice Pres., F. M. Smith; Secretary, William Lycett; Fin. Sec., W. J. Coleman; Treas., E. N. Costales; Board of Governors, E. H. Gammans, Jr., George Gandenberger, Jr., J. W. Nicklin, Adolph Dengler. Meetings, every Friday, 393 Bridge St.—W. M. LYCETT, Sec.

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By W. G. WINDHURST.

Since the publication of my letter in your November 20th issue, I have received so much encouragement, that I feel assured of success for a Philatelic Relief Fund for Red Cross Society work. All that seems to be necessary is to crystallize this philatelic sentiment, and to that purpose, I will ask all of your readers and others who are in sympathy with this project to write me at once so I can get in touch with them. Please do not yet send stamps or contributions until preliminary work is completed and announced. Wm. H. Schaffner, president of the Marion County Bank, has consented to act as treasurer pro tem.

Mr. Schaffner is a philatelist who is well known to many of your readers who attend A. P. S. conventions. As the preparatory work will take five or six weeks, the sale will probably take place early in February; and will be glad to hear from any auction firm offering to handle same as an "addenda" to one of their regular auctions. All cataloging and description of lots would be attended to by philatelists who have offered to assist. Address me, Box 216, Marion, Ohio.

A BUSINESS TRIP TO NEW YORK.

It was the privilege of the managing editor of the WEEKLY to visit New York City last week in the interests of the Jan. 8 Special Number and he was very much gratified at the cordial reception met with. Nearly every dealer interviewed expressed satisfaction with trade conditions and evidences of activity were manifested in practically all the offices visited.

We shall not attempt to give in detail the results of the trip, for these will be reflected in the special number soon to be issued. Sufficient to say that the coming special will no doubt be equal to the New York Exposition number, and may surpass it.

We wish to acknowledge courtesies extended by Mr. Clark of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Geo. J. Carter, J. M. Bartels and Edw. Stern, all of whom will help make the cover rebus contest of more than ordinary interest.

Mr. Clark informed us that the demand for the Scott catalog had already far exceeded that of last year and the first edition was actually sold out before the date of publication. Mr. Carter paid the WEEKLY a good endorsement by stating that his series of advertisements in a recent issue brought in more than two hundred replies.

The trip to New York was made all the more pleasant by meeting Wendover Neefus of Hudson, N. Y., who was making a similar business trip to the metropolis.

We are particularly indebted to Dr. L. A. Micheloni for a very pleasant bit of entertainment. It was his cheery voice that bade us a *bon voyage* as we journeyed back to the Hub.

USE OF CARBON TETRACHLORID.

By JAS. LEWIS HOWE.

I hesitate to differ from one of the chemical as well as philatelic experience of Mr. Thorn Smith, but I also must raise a caution against the use of carbon tetrachlorid for the detection of watermarks. It is such a strong solvent for organic dyestuffs that its use would almost certainly damage many stamps. Mr. Berolzheimer is correct in this contention, and also, in the fact that benzoin is easily procurable in pure form and will not injure any stamp.

I should not, however, agree with Mr. Berolzheimer that the use of carbon tetrachlorid is attended with personal danger. One would not be apt to inhale sufficient of the fumes to be injured, nor are today open fires with no draught common enough to make danger from the decomposition of carbon tetrachlorid imminent.

BEVERLY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The 40th regular meeting of the Beverly Philatelic Society was the 2nd annual meeting. There were fourteen members present and the following officers were elected for 1916: Pres., F. W. Foster; Vice Pres., R. H. Dutcher; Treas., H. Shailer; Sec., L. E. Hood. Twenty meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of ten. There are twenty-nine active members and the Society is planning a very active year.

Among other things, the Society is to make stamp exhibits in store windows, to interest the general public, and give talks before boys' clubs at the Y. M. C. A. and other places.—L. E. Hood, Secretary.

THE POSTER STAMP.

(Our friend, A. W. Dunning, waxes poetic in the last number of *Philatelic Gossip* with lines to the poster stamp that we reprint herewith.—Ed.)

What is it, safe within my book,
That causes many an envious look,
From my best girl and e'en the cook?
The Poster Stamp!

What is it, hardly costs a cent,
That has given me—not even lent,
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And purple dumpling in a stew,
And pea-green cows and pink cats, too?
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What is it shows a luscious pie,
Of "None-Such Mince Meat"—that's no lie!

Three quarters of it left—and why?
The Poster Stamp!

What is it in my breast, or chest,
That gives no rest, but only zest,
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Friendliness.—It is a satisfaction to notice that there is a disposition on the part of our readers to accentuate rather than to ignore the importance of our twenty-fifth anniversary number of January 8th, 1916. Several of our friends have written to express kindest sentiments over the impending celebration number and we are impressed by the statement made by one: "You cannot realize what an example of regularity, activity and propriety your paper has afforded for so many years; and any measures that may be adopted to celebrate your twenty-fifth anniversary will be more than justified." We are glad that our readers will be interested in our anniversary exercises and we assure them that our January 8th, 1916, issue will be a great one.

Postal Literature.—In the very rare edition of John K. Tiffany's Library Companion of 1874, there is an appendix that contains the titles of articles, pamphlets and books originating from non-philatelic sources but which are of interest if not of value to the stamp collector. While the compilation made by Mr. Tiffany was exhaustive, all things considered, yet it has been noticed that

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a few omissions marked the list, as of 1874. However, "Ten Years Among the Mail Bags" was not ignored and as we have just acquired an almost new copy of the book we shall say a few words about it. Ten Years Among the Mail Bags: or, Notes from the Diary of a Special Agent of the Post-Office Department, by J. Holbrook, with illustrations. Philadelphia: H. Cowperthwait & Co., 1856. The volume was "respectfully dedicated to those officially connected with the mail service of the United States." While the contents of the book are postal rather than philatelic there is a supplementary chapter that contains much practical information, and extracts from the postal laws from 1823 down to 1855. Steel engravings of the sixteen post master generals who had served up to 1855 are a feature of this book of nearly four hundred and fifty pages, whose cover is ornamented with the seal of the post office department. The book is well written and if it had come a number of years later, no doubt it would have contained much more of philatelic interest.

Under Consideration.—The following application for the berth of leading lady in our philatelic movie cast has been received from a reader: "I think your 'Just a Bit of Paper' a wonderful play and acted by the right people, it is sure to be a success. I am writing to make application for the role of Elmira Quagmire. I am sure that I am just fitted for the part as I answer all requirements except that my collection does 'catalogue well into the millions' and that some of my rarities are worth less than a thousand dollars each. If I am successful in being chosen for the part, I wish to suggest a slight change in the cast. Why cannot Elmira fall into the arms of Filbert Nutting instead of at his feet? It would be more effective and much more pleasant for me. Please do not think that I am unmaidenly in saying that I should just love to have Bill Bloss act the part of Filbert Nutting."

Editorially Speaking.—The leading editorial in a recent issue of the Chicago Herald was on the subject of a uniform international postage stamp; and stress was placed upon the trade importance of this "big little factor." For some time past, newspaper dissertations on the demand for an international postage stamp, once a perennial feature of the press, have been a novelty. In fact, the advent of the international postage stamp coupon seemed to meet squarely the "crying need" of an international stamp; and it was felt that this reform would still adverse criticism. However, even this beneficent measure does not inspire a unanimous approval as the Herald returns this twain of indictments against it: "It sells at 20% premium to begin with. And to end with, it must be taken to the post office in the foreign country and there cashed. Obviously quite a different thing from a stamped and self-addressed envelope which can be mailed at once in the way that we are familiar with." The Herald's editorial was based on the more or less moving experience of a Chicago concern: "It wanted to send a large number of letters to the Philippines and inclose stamps for reply. It naturally found great difficulty in getting Philippine stamps in this country. And it was told at the post office that the regular United States stamps could not be used for that purpose. The envelope bearing the embossed United States stamp would be accepted but that again brought up the question of whether the recipients in the Philippines would understand that they could use it." As for the last sentence: If the U. S. stamped envelope

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Reissues.

1901, Pan American 2c inverted center, mint.

1909, 5c bluish paper, mint.

bears any ascendancy over the U. S. adhesive in the Philippine postal estimation, we should like to be let in on the secret.

Hard to Handle.—According to the news columns of the Herald, the business men of the country are profoundly impressed by a contemplation of the benefits to be derived through the agency of the international postage stamp but the post office department for reasons that have been detailed many times before tells why it favors the plan only in an academic sense. We notice that the postmaster of Chicago says that it was planned to have the International Postal Union conference in Madrid, Spain, this year, but that the meeting has been indefinitely postponed in consequence of the war. The question of the international stamp will be thoroughly canvassed, it is promised, at the next conference of the postal union countries.

Additional.—Our subscriber, Mr. W. B. Gould, who submitted the Chesuncook Lake "moose" stamps for inspection sends the following bit of testimony on the subject of the labels from one of his correspondents. A guide near Chesuncook Lake had been accustomed to carrying letters to and from post offices to camps in the woods and having organized a sort of postal service, he wanted to give it the finishing touches with a stamp issue. Wisely enough, the idea was abandoned in its incipency so far as the use of the stamps was concerned; and it is possible that a threat of governmental interference had something to do with relinquishing the plan.

Sheet Arrangement.—The present one dollar documentary stamps are printed in sheets of one hundred stamps, five horizontal rows of twenty stamps each, but the higher values up to but not including the sixty dollar, come in sheets of one hundred specimens, ten rows of ten stamps each. The denominations, sixty to one thousand dollars, are in sheets of four stamps each, with stubs for the entry of data as to purchaser, etc. We notice that the one thousand dollar is listed in the catalogue as orange in color but we are inclined to believe that yellow is a truer description of the stamp.

Approval.—Through its secretary, Mr. C. R. Callahan, the Washington State Philatelic Society affirms that it is ready to assist in any plan for the furtherance of a philatelic relief fund for Red Cross work, based on the suggestion of Mr. W. G. Windhurst. We may add that not a few offers of support have come to Mr. Windhurst through the publication of his letter in the WEEKLY.

It All Depends.—A reader sends us a number of circulars that were distributed about fifteen or more years ago and among them is one that was issued by the American Promotion Company, New York, whose operations in floating the stock of one of the large companies are remembered by the old-timers more or less vividly, according to circumstances. Quoth our correspondent: "Note the first remark—'Very few collectors have any idea of the large margin of profit there is in stamps.' I have dealt in stamps in a small way and while I have not lost, I certainly have not made a large margin of profit, and, although I am acquainted with a great many dealers, I have never met one willing to admit that he (to quote again) 'starting in with only \$500, cleared \$1200 to \$2000 a year, and had \$3000 worth of stamps at the end of three years'."

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Probably the chief reason for the undiminished popularity of our favourite hobby during the war is the fact that the war has opened yet other "fresh woods and pastures new", such as the collection of "war" stamps, while there are no such things as "war" furniture or "war" coins. Armies need letters, not lithographs, postmen, not porcelain.

But it is of yet another philatelic sideline occasioned by the war that I now wish to write—the collection of war envelopes, i. e., envelopes with censor marks, naval and military postmarks, etc.—as being new, interesting and lucrative.

"Some new thing," St. Paul tells us was the cry of the Athenians, and it is the same today. "How can I hope to get a good collection without spending more than I can afford?" people cry; "The days of great finds are over; every stamp is known and catalogued, and Romance is dead!"

Collect war envelopes is my advice. Everyone starts equal—now. Everyone can get a few at least, with no expenditure at all. Our own friends and relations or those of our acquaintances in the army or navy, will furnish the ordinary Expeditionary Force or the weird naval cancellations, or perhaps even Cameroons and Persian Gulf; the Belgian refugees you know will gladly provide "Postes militaires belges" or, maybe, "Interned in Holland"; French, Italian and Russian friends can procure their respective military covers and postcards; relations in the Colonies will have various censor marks on their envelopes, while "Prisoners of War," both in England and Germany, extend the list still further.

Every envelope may have a history, certainly many look as if they had with their maze of multi-coloured marks. Here is one "On His Britannic Majesty's Service, Turko-Persian Frontier Commission, Baghdad." What secrets of our foreign policy might not that have concealed beneath its pompous-looking exterior! Another, sealed with an enormous emerald label inscribed "Opened Under Martial Law" comes from the Garden of Eden! A third is black with innumerable marks—"paquebot," "Aden Camp," "Suez," ending with the ominous "Unable to Trace"—the "black cap" of hand-stamps.

The ways of the censor as revealed by war envelopes are truly wonderful. Bermuda, for example, a second-rate coaling station, has its correspondence with Great Britain, carefully censored, while letters from Gibraltar, the key of the Mediterranean, the news-market of the world, are entirely unexamined!

Already the demand for these envelopes has given them a certain value. Prices range from 10 for 6d of the common B. E. F., to, for example, 2sh each for the Russian China censor mark.

Lastly, may I meet the objection that envelopes are bulky to keep, difficult to mount in albums, and, being uncatalogued, liable to constant re-arrangement, by suggesting the use of files for storing them; cheap cardboard boxes about 8 in. long by 5 in. high can be used, and the alphabetical index cards can be

turned round and the name of the section, "Indian F. P. O." "Swiss Army," "Naval," "B. E. F. Military Postcards," etc., be written on the back.—*Stamp Collecting.*

YVERT & TELLIER-CHAMPION CATALOGUE.

Despite the war, as we remarked several weeks ago, a new edition, the twentieth of the foremost French catalogue, Yvert & Tellier-Champion, 1916, has appeared; and in consequence, a tribute may be paid to the stout-heartedness and enterprise of the publishers. Concerning the catalogue itself, all commendation is deserved; and the features that have made it popular are retained in the present volume and in some respects are amplified. The reduced size cuts are very plain as a rule and the typography is excellent. Though the catalogue numbers over 800 pages, its size is well within bounds. The more important type varieties are illustrated in many instances and the notes of explanation are liberally scattered throughout the volume. The tables of philatelic information are an instructive adjunct to the catalogue, which, though in French, is not beyond the understanding of the collector who has the veriest smattering of the language. As to prices, we believe that they are carefully adjusted; and a casual examination indicates that South and Central America have been given particular attention. The book is creditable in all respects and will be found to be a valuable addition to the working library of the collector.

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"A LESSON FROM POSTAGE STAMPS"

Under the above rather unique heading, the Springfield Stamp Club is holding a contest which will close Jan. 1, 1916. The lesson indicated may appear as a single stamp, set or group. Fitting notes may or may not be included, and owner's name, address or any identification marks are to be withheld.

There will be three prizes offered:—first, a silver cup; second, a Panama-Pacific \$1 gold piece; third, Panama-Pacific 50c gold piece. The judges will be Willard O. Wylie, C. A. Howes and E. M. Carpenter.

The points in marking will be as follows, on a basis of possible point as indicated:—importance of lesson presented, 50 points; accuracy of facts, 20 points; originality in arrangement, 10 points; neatness, 10 points; condition of stamps, 10 points.

All the entries in the contest will be exhibited at the annual meeting on Jan. 14, 1916 and prizes will be awarded at that time. E. D. Curtis, R. C. Munroe and W. C. Stone constitute the contest committee.

OUR COVER REBUS CONTEST.

On Dec. 4, we printed a reduced picture of our Jan. 8 cover design. Will our readers get busy and tell us what stamps are represented in this design. We shall award a half dozen prizes and invite a strong competition. List of prizes next week.

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1912, 55c No. 245a used	.06
1912, 4f, No. 246, used	.12
1912, 5f, No. 247, used	.12
1912, 10f, No. 248, used	.25
1910-11, charity, Nos. 141-160 used, per set	1.75
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1912, 2c orange-brown, No. 93, unused	.01
1912, 5c green, No. 94, unused	.02
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1912, 50c grey, No. 99, unused	.12
1912, 1f orange, No. 100, unused	.23
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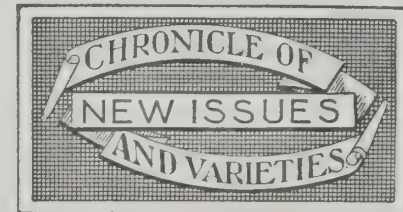
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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels reports new issues and discoveries in envelopes as follows:

B.No.	D'm.	Die.	Var.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Kn.
91aa	3c	—	14	2	Buff	1	7
147ii	2c	D	34	3	Orange	1	11
—	1c	D	—	13	Blue	19	89
—	2c	E	—	13	Buff	19	89
—	5c	B	—	5	White	20	87

Frank Reeder, Jr., writes: "I have found a one-eighth cent proprietary, watermarked U. S. I. R., with the 'N' of 'cent' badly broken on the lower side of the broad downward second stroke of the letter. I do not know the number of the sheet, but this stamp is one of the stamps of the upper row, and is the one immediately under the 'ce' of 'cent proprietary.' This may be a cut die, or merely a slip in inking. Has any other reader found the same thing?"

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Adhesive.

10c steel blue.

Official Adhesive.

10c steel blue; red overprint.

LORENZO MARQUES.—Ewen's Weekly reports that a correspondent sends on original piece what appears to be the Zambezia 100 reis, blue on blue (1898-1901 issue, without overprint), bisected, for use at Ressoano Garcia, a small station on the Lourenzo Marques boundary of the Union of S. Africa. The date of the postmark is 12/6/15.

MEXICO.—Oaxaca—The 10c was issued November 13 or earlier; in sheets of 6x7 stamps; blue, with eagle in center in red; figures of value in red; printed on "forma" sheets as previous values.

SPANISH MOROCCO.—The Philatelia points out another modern error in one of the last surcharges of the "Spanish Morocco." The word "Protectorado" is written: "Iprotectorado." This error is on all the values from 10c to 1p inclusive.

TURKEY.—A. C. Roessler reports that the 1909 issue has been surcharged in red a crescent in outline with a solid six-pointed star. Dated in Turkish "1331-1915" 5, 10 paras and 1 piaster. Another set of three values has been issued for benefit of fund for families of slain soldiers. On various issues, 5, 10 and 20 paras.

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Ecuador 1909, 1c to 20c, mint. Cat. value 63c. My price 21c. PAUL A. ROGERS, Tuscarawas, Ohio. [tf]

WITH THE NEW PHILATELIST.

(Continued from page 436.)

are and how well regulated the affairs of the postal systems are carried on in this time of unusual emergencies. As new territory is taken, order is made from chaos, and the post office department follows the army and establishes itself in the new territory. Considering the fact that Europe is infested with philatelists, as it were, it is quite strange that no rare provisionals have emerged from the actual territory involved. Why not a set of Liege Besieged stamps, like Mafeking? Or Premysl-Prznz-well, Warsaw Locals? At least, the festive Turk might produce some very rare surcharges for the Dardanelles. Can we complain about the war provisionals?

Don't expect that every war stamp will be a gold mine. Many will be worth large sums—but what are your chances of getting these? Many more will be worth moderate sums, and here you have an opportunity to gamble. You may pick the winner and treble your money, or your set may drop like some other "thrillers" have, and you lose. Keep your eyes open, and play the game like a true sport if you will play it. Money will be made, and much will be lost. Don't cry if you lose. If you study your market before you buy, and don't pay too much, nor pass up a really good thing because of price, you ought to come out ahead of the game.

This is not advice to buy or not to buy war issues. It is just a summary of what has happened since August, 1914. How true a forecast it is remains to be seen.

PURPLE CENTRE 1sh JAMAICA.

When will the "murder come out" concerning those purple centre Jamaica "rarities"? We notice one West-end dealer refers to them as "mystery" stamps. The only mystery we can claim for them is the "mist"-ery appearance which their surface assumes immediately on trying experiments with the portrait of King George. Truly, this 1s stamp with the black centre that is also known with the medallion in purple, is a philatelic chameleon. "Marsh's Weekly Philatelist" sums them up thus: "Some of our contemporaries have chronicled the current 1s stamp as having been issued with head in purple in place of the correct black. We have seen copies purporting to show this error, but have no hesitation in pronouncing them to be changelings, and quite unworthy of a place in the album of any collector.—Stamp Collecting."

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The 348th (regular) meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc., will be held in the Club Room on Tuesday Evening, Dec. 21. Those who wish to dine together will meet at the room at 5.45 P. M.

As usual, this meeting will be partially devoted to an observance of Christmas and the fact that Mr. Fowle is chairman of the committee will ensure a pleasant celebration of same. Messrs. Barker and Dunning will assist him. Mr. Farrar will exhibit his "Mexicans" and the new lantern will be used during the evening.

The name of Mr. William Jenney will be voted upon as a candidate for membership.

Please make a special effort to attend and thus show that the work of the committee is appreciated.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

III.—A POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL.

Postage stamps were first placed on sale to the public in Canada on April 23rd, 1851, as we shall show later, but, according to an interesting article which appeared in the *London Philatelist* for June, 1904, it seems possible that at least one postmaster anticipated events slightly by issuing a stamped envelope of his own shortly before the regular governmental stamps were ready. It will perhaps simplify matters to reproduce the article in its original form, viz:—

CANADA: HAND-STAMPED 3D ENVELOPE OF 1851.

We are indebted to Mr. E. B. Green-shields, of Montreal, for the following very interesting information:—

The following facts may be of interest to collectors of the stamps of British North America. Some time ago a cover was offered to me, which seemed to me to be absolutely genuine, yet I had never, up to that time, heard of such envelopes being in existence. This letter was posted in New Carlisle, Gaspé, Lower Canada, on April 7th, 1851, and was stamped "Three Pence" in two lines, inside a square, with a black border of neat design around the sides. Across this was written, "Letter R. W. Kelly Apl. 1851". The letter was addressed to Toronto, C. W., and on the other side was stamped the date the letter was received, "Apl. 16 1851". I sent the envelope to Mr. Donald A. King, of Halifax, and received the following reply from him:—

HALIFAX, N. S., February 22nd, 1904.

"Dear Sir,—I have yours of 19th inst. with cover, and am much obliged for your kindness in permitting me to have a look at it. It is new to me. I have no doubt it is absolutely genuine, and probably was made by the Postmaster at New Carlisle to save trouble in stamping the letter '3d' as was then the custom. It is just possible that the writer (whose name appears to be endorsed on the envelope) was the Postmaster-General. A reference to the Postmaster-General's report for that year would give his name. As far as my memory serves me, the Canadian stamps were not then in issue, though

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF CANADA.

an advance circular may have been sent out. I have shown the cover to a friend of mine who is an expert in typography, and he assures me that the printing is as old as dated, and that such type and border could not be procured now at any cost. The only thing that I have seen that resembles it in any way was a cover from Prince Edward Island, prepaid with a square of white paper stamped 3d and cancelled. This was an adhesive, and used some years after stamps were in use. As in your case, it had been recognised as paying postage. As to the value of your cover, it is impossible for me to say, but very considerable to any collector of British North America.

Yours faithfully,

DONALD A. KING."

Following up the clue given to me by Mr. King, I wrote to the Post Office Department at Ottawa, and received the following courteous answer:—

OTTAWA, 2nd March, 1904.

"Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 26th ultimo, inquiring whether R. W. Kelly was Postmaster of New Carlisle, Co. Gaspé, Quebec, in 1851, and in reply am directed to inform you that R. W. Kelly, doubtless the same man, was Postmaster of New Carlisle in 1851. Owing to the incompleteness of the early records of the department, which was then under the direction of the British Office, the date of Mr. Kelly's appointment cannot be ascertained. He appears to have been Postmaster from 1851, however, until his resignation on the 9th April, 1855.

As regards your inquiry as to whether postage stamps were used on the 7th April, 1851, and your statement that you have an envelope sent on that date from New Carlisle to Toronto with 'Three Pence' printed on it, inside a fancy border, I have to say that postage stamps were issued to the public for the first time on the 23rd April, 1851, and that stamped envelopes were not issued until some years later. The stamped envelope to which you refer may have been an envelope so stamped on the prepay-

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That all Provincial Postage received within the Province shall be retained as belonging to it, and that all Provincial Postage received within any other Colony of the British North American Colonies may be retained, as belonging to such Colony. That no privilege of franking shall be allowed as regards the Provincial Postage. That Provincial Stamps for the prepayment of postage may be prepared under the orders of the Governor in Council, which stamps shall be evidence of the prepayment of Provincial Postage to the amount mentioned on such stamps; and that such stamps, prepared under the direction of the proper authorities in the other British North American Colonies, shall be allowed in this Province as evidence of the prepayment of Provincial Postage in such other Colonies respectively, on the letters or packets to which they are affixed and which have been mailed there.

The passage of the above Act and its approval by the Imperial government was followed by a notice to postmasters which gave the date at which the transfer of the postal system from Imperial to Provincial authority was to take effect, gave more explicit instructions with regard to rates of postage, and stated that postage stamps were being prepared. Mr. Howes gives the chief provisions of this Notice as follows:—

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
 MONTREAL, 14th March, 1851.

Sir:—

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General, to communicate to you the following instructions, for your guidance in the performance of your duties, under the New Post Office Law of the 13th and 14th Vict., chap. 17, passed at the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, which will take effect, and supersede the Imperial Post Office Acts, hitherto in force in Canada, on and from the 6th day of April next:

1.—From the above date, all Letters transmitted by the Post in Canada, with the exception of Packet Letters to and from the United Kingdom, will be liable to a uniform rate of *Three Pence*, currency, per half-ounce for whatever distance conveyed: prepayment will be optional: the charge increasing according to the weight of the Letter, one single rate for every additional half-ounce, counting the fraction of a half-ounce as a full rate, thus:

A Letter, weighing not exceeding ½ ounce, will be liable to 3d postage.

A Letter, weighing more than ½ ounce, and not exceeding 1 ounce, will be liable to 6d Postage.

A Letter, weighing more than 1 ounce, and not exceeding 1½ ounces will be liable to 9d Postage, and so on.

It will be observed that the above scale differs from that now followed, in advancing one rate for each half-ounce after the first ounce.

2.—The single Packet rate for Letters by the Atlantic Steam Packet

Mails to and from England, via the United States, of 1s 2d sterling, if *un-paid*, and 1s 4d currency, if *pre-paid*, as also the rate on Letters, by those mails, via Halifax, of 1s sterling, if *un-paid*, and 1s 1½d currency, if *pre-paid*, remain unaltered, and the present scale of weights is to remain in force as regards such Letters.

Post Masters must be very careful to observe this distinction when taxing letters, weighing over one-ounce, intended for the English Mails.

3.—The regulations now in force with regard to Letters to and from Soldiers and Sailors in Her Majesty's Service, by which under certain conditions such Letters pass through the Post on pre-payment of a penny only, remain unaltered.

5.—Letters addressed to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, or Newfoundland, are to be rated with the uniform rate of 3d per half-ounce.

6.—Letters to and from the United States will be liable to the uniform rate of 3d per half-ounce, between the Frontier line and the place of posting or place of destination in Canada; and until further arrangements can be made, this charge on Letters from Canada to the United States must be prepaid at the time of Posting.

9.—The charge on Letters posted at an office for delivery in the same City, Town, or Place, and any additional charge made on Letters delivered at the residence of parties to whom they are addressed, are to remain as at present, until further instructions.

10.—No Franking Privilege is allowed under the New Act, except with regard to Letters and Packets on the business of the Post Office, addressed to or transmitted by the Post Master General.

13.—Stamps for the pre-payment of Postage are being prepared and will be distributed for the use of the public at an early date.

T. A. STAYNER,
 Deputy Post Master General.
 (To be continued.)

THE TRI-CITY STAMP CLUB.

At a meeting in Rock Island, Dec. 7, fourteen collectors representing Davenport, Ia., Rock Island and Moline, Ill., became charter members. The name Tri-City Stamp Club was decided upon. The following officers were elected: President, James C. Safley, Moline; Vice President, Rev. H. W. Reed, Rock Island; Secretary-Treasurer, Frank H. Grace, 1111 Iowa St., Davenport. Meetings will be held monthly on the first Tuesday. Endeavors will be made to interest the public in the possibilities of philately by placing exhibitions in the local public libraries and Y. M. C. A. buildings. With a combined population of 100,000 these three cities should make quite a showing in the stamp world. All collectors residing in neighboring accessible towns will be welcome at the club meetings and those interested are asked to communicate with the secretary.—FRANK H. GRACE.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Quite A Stir—The abounding enthusiasm created by the announcement that we would celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary by the issue of a special number on January 8, 1916, replete with generous columns of philatelic reading and advertising matter, is more than we had bargained for. In fact, one subscriber almost takes us to task for not showing more intensity of feeling on the great distinction of having attained the twenty-fifth milestone on the tortuous road of philatelic journalism. Consequently, we shall not allow modesty to deprecate the credit of our accomplishment but we shall invite our readers to partake of the festal offering with the realization that they are allied with a stamp paper that for over thirteen hundred weeks has made its visits under all and any general conditions that have prevailed. We shall not sermonize just now but merely say that there is no other stamp paper that could draw upon its own columns for sustenance for a "twenty-five years ago" column on its pages. So, we rejoice in having proved the stability and permanence of philately by the record of the WEEKLY.

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Distribute Cheer—This year the WEEKLY has not undertaken publicly any campaign for philatelic shut-ins; and we are pleased, in consequence, to hear that the habits formed by some of our readers in years past through our efforts to dispense cheer have continued to the satisfaction of shut-ins with stamp collecting proclivities. One of our readers is enterprising enough to solicit philatelic odds and ends for the "philatelic orphans,"—of a tender age, we hope.

Congressional Postmark—We notice an interesting postmark on an envelope franked by "John Sherman, U. S. S." from Washington to a point in Ohio. The postmark is: "Wash. D. C. Congress Free." This impression was used in 1872 when the name of the "senator, representative or delegate" was usually written but today, the name may be "written or impressed" but "must appear on the envelope of the letter, in connection with the initials of his office and be preceded by the word, 'Free'." One sometimes finds autographs of famous persons down the scale to just personages in lots of franked envelopes.

Back From Warsaw—In the mail recently was an interesting cover that enclosed a registered letter sent from Chicago, June 23, 1915, to Warsaw, Russia, where the letter was received after many postal adventures judging from the markings on the envelope, only to be returned to writer in Chicago, November 30, 1915. The envelope bears the rubber-stamped inscription: "A cause de guerre la service postale est suspendue." The translation of this notice in French is: On account of the war, the postal service is suspended. It is surmised that the addressee could not be found because he had fled from the city on the approach of the Germans.

An Odd One—The two dollar green wines and cordials stamp comes in sheets of fifty "subjects" on U. S. P. S. paper, ranged in ten rows of five stamps each, vertically. At first glance there appears to be no plate-number inscription on the margins of the sheet but close inspection reveals the most informal plate-number imaginable, at the side. In a flowing and unstudied script, "Pl. 232" is seen and it has the appearance of having been airily inscribed in the purposeless way that initials are sometimes flourished to occupy the passing moment. At least, we wish to record the existence of this imprint which takes two stamps to accommodate and which is "peculiar to itself."

The Revenue Issues—We have no other than newspaper information and the inferences of collectors interested

1861, 3c pink on cover.
1869, 24c inverted center.
Reissues.
1901, Pan American 2c inverted center, mint.
1909, 5c bluish paper, mint.

on the subject of the future of the current revenue stamps; and any reports and forecasts in consequence are not *ex cathedra*. However, we were impressed by the reasoning of one student who made out a strong case for the advent of surcharged revenues for the coming year. At any rate the tax in question will be continued for some time but what treatment, if any, will be accorded the present stamps is problematical at this time.

A Long Wait—It is a long lane that has no turning. Many years ago, a collector, as a boy paid fifty cents or so for a copy of the ninety cent, U. S., 1857-60 issue that proved to be counterfeit to his aching pain which was so poignant that he can almost feel it yet. Now, at last, any lingering soreness has been replaced with a surge of joy as the collector who kept the stamp has just been offered a dollar for the aforesaid forgery by one who wanted it as a curiosity; and such is the perversity of humankind that the owner will not give up the stamp, after all.

No Such Animals—We have been asked to account for the existence of an entire envelope bearing the three cent, U. S., 1857-60 issue, with the cancellation of Wells, Fargo & Company. An envelope of the kind as well as those with steamboat cancellations and adhesive stamps should not exist, strictly speaking. Many years ago, Congress allowed by legal provision, letters to be sent out of the mail under certain restrictions. It was decreed that the stamped envelopes could be used to enclose letters despatched outside the mail, provided the envelope was duly sealed, directed and addressed and the date of receipt or transmission of the letter was written or stamped thereon. A fine of fifty dollars was the penalty for using the stamped envelope more than once. It is apparent that if letters with adhesive stamps thereon were sent out of the mail, fraud could be practiced by the carriers. However, it is not beyond the bounds of probability that a company of the good repute of Wells, Fargo and Company was allowed by a tacit understanding to carry in case of emergency, envelopes with adhesive stamps attached as the authorities could rest in the conviction that the stamps would be duly canceled; and perhaps, this license was extended to other carriers on occasion out of the ordinary.

Impressive—Many an old collector if asked to tell what stamps exercised the most fascination for him in the early days would answer that the older issues of South and Central American countries were the ones. The designs and the ideas of distance and romance that these stamps conveyed made an impres-

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Nathan Cobe, well known generally with the trade, has opened a Boston office in the Studio Building, 110 Tremont St. He will be glad to have his patrons call and inspect the new office.

—Mr. J. Hausselman of Absecon, N. J., died a few days ago. He has been in ill health for some time and was quite advanced in years. We have not received any particulars.

—The publishers of *Stamp Collecting* advise us of a new quarterly publication, the full particulars of which are given elsewhere in our advertising columns. The publishers have large faith in philately to begin this publication with the stress of war so evident.

—Egbert Bacon sends us a clipping calling attention to a Michigan transfer of property valued at \$4,000,000 and upon which no fewer than eight \$500 revenue tax stamps were attached.

—The L. L. Albright Co., Hodges Bldg., Detroit, Mich., would like information concerning Elmer Terry, formerly 1331 E. 42 St., Los Angeles, Cal.

—We are advised that Leo Jessel of Chicago, Ill., a long-time subscriber to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, died recently. We have no particulars, the P. O. Department of Chicago sending the regulation notice to discontinue sending the paper for reason indicated. Mr. Jessel's name will be familiar to many of our dealer patrons.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from F. W. Lynes (4), I. B. Robinson (2), F. G. Ferguson (2).

—"Stamps Visited by \$150,000 Fire." This startling headline was to be found last week in various papers as a news despatch, and instinctively one thought of precious gems vanishing in smoke. Further examination, however, showed that the conflagration was a lumber warehouse in Stamps, Ark.

—The Fort Wayne (Ind.) *Sentinel* of recent date contained a reproduction of a deed of conveyance transferring the Wabash Railroad to a re-organized company. It shows seventeen \$1,000 revenue stamps, and another stamp was on the second page of the deed. The illustration shows an imposing array of these stamps.

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A NEW PHILADELPHIA DEALER.

The ranks of the dealing fraternity of Philadelphia have been augmented by no less a person than the former publisher and editor of the *Philadelphia Stamp News*. Percy McGraw Mann, whose advertisement will be found elsewhere in this issue, has opened an office in the center of the city for the purpose of buying and selling stamps and he will be heard from frequently in our columns during the coming year. The "City of Brotherly Love" is fast taking on a degree of philatelic activity that will make it the second city of the country from a dealing standpoint. The Philadelphia Stamp Co., Franklin Stamp Co., Eugene

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REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING DEC. 12, 1915.

Application for Membership, E. M. Geiger, 2041 Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill., age 29; Clerk. Proposed by Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

New Members.

No. 104, D. C. Neefus, 538 Union St., Hudson, N. Y.

No. 105, Fred J. Mausmann, St. Vincent Seminary, Beatty, Pa.

No. 106, C. J. T. Utermarck, 1908 15th Ave., Seattle, Wash.

Financial Report.

Amt. on hand as per last report, \$37.07

Receipts from applicant, .50

Total, \$37.57

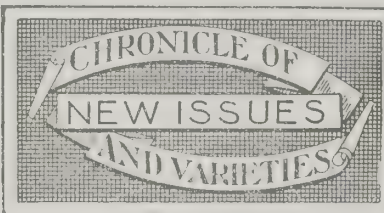
Expenses.

To report in MEKEEL'S, \$2.00

Balance on hand, \$35.57

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ROBERT WEBER, Sec., Galeton, Pa.



Edited by HENRY A. KIDDER.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address HENRY A. KIDDER, Arlington, Mass. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Frank Reeder, Jr., supplements the note regarding the broken die of the 1/4c Proprietary stamp, as follows:

"Since writing you on December 9, relative to the cut die on the one-eighth cent Proprietary, I have gone through the stock of our local revenue office, and I am now able to give you definite information. The stamps that I was able to look over, were the two hundred composing the right hand pane, so that I can only speak concerning these stamps. I find that in the sheet of two hundred composing this pane, the cut die appears eight times. It is found in the first, sixth, eleventh and sixteenth rows, and is, in those rows the first and sixth stamps. It is apparent that the block from which these sheets were made was composed of a die consisting of twenty-five stamps, and being five by five, and the cut die appears in the first stamp of the die on the upper left hand corner stamp."

We are indebted to S. E. Colman for the information that the 50c perforated 10 has been issued and was placed on sale at the Washington Postoffice December 13.

CANADA.—We are indebted to G. Hemond of Montreal for a block of four of the 3c green war tax stamps. The design is the same as that of the 1c and 2c previously chronicled, showing the head of King George with "Canada" above and "War Tax" below.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—The Sterling Stamp Co. sends us the 5 bit and 25 bit of the new set with portrait of King Christian X., these being the only values on sale in the Islands, November 29.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Hermann Focke has shown us a new value of the locally printed stamps, the color being the same as predicted some time since. This has the overprint "1915" also.

Adhesive.

20c carmine and black.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—Hermann Focke reports that the 2d and 2 1/2d Pandanus tree are still in issue. Their catalogue value is decidedly too high. He considers the 1/2d and 1d of better value, the former used being quite rare.

JAPAN.—Alfred Rasmussen has favored us with specimens of the commemorative stamps issued by Japan on the occasion of the Coronation of the Emperor last month. There are three designs, one for foreign postage and two for local postage. There are four values in all, two for foreign and domestic cards and two for foreign and domestic letters. Those intended for foreign postage show a view of Shisheeden Hall where the Coronation took place, with long lines of native banners lining the approach. At the left appears a banner, a gong and a shield, while at the right stands a warrior of the court in ancient armor. The design is simple but striking. The stamps intended for local postage are more conventional in treatment, each showing an oval, with a frame of flowers and native characters. The 1 1/2s shows the Imperial crown, and the 3s the "Takimikura" or Imperial throne. Like all recent stamps issued by the Japanese Government, they are well designed and printed, and present a handsome appearance. Mr. Rasmussen also submits a couple of cards, one showing a different view of Shisheeden Hall, and the other an allegorical view, probably calculated to fire the hearts of the warlike Samurai.

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2c, perf. 12 horizontally, mint pair	.40
1c, perf. 8 1/2 vertically, mint pair	.10
2c, perf. 8 1/2 vertically, mint pair	.12
3c, perf. 8 1/2 vertically, mint pair	.20
1c, perf. 8 1/2 horizontally, mint pair	.10
2c, perf. 8 1/2 horizontally, mint pair	.12
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Aitutaki, Penrhyn or Samoa, 1sh, each	.32
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yet he will not come out as badly as the fellow who buys everything submitted, especially because it is cheap. A stamp at a high rate of catalogue is more often a good investment than one at ninety per cent. discount. Why?

Stamp dealers as a whole are in the business for money, like any other class of merchants. Most of them know their business, or at least know enough not to price their goods below cost. No dealer has really desirable stock at a price that will permit selling at ninety or even seventy-five or in many cases at fifty per cent. of catalogue. Some stamps can be sold at seventy-five per cent. of catalogue, for the reason that they are priced too high and are really worth a fraction of their price. These will in time take the slump they deserve (See certain Nicaragua quotations 1915 and 1916 Scott) and therefore the collector who buys them at seventy-five per cent. discount may have paid full catalogue before he finishes his collecting. On the other hand, good United States, early European, and really staple items which command half catalogue and better at wholesale and which sell for a third off, or even catalogue, have shown a steady increase in value, and will continue to show an increase. This proves that a stamp at catalogue is more often a better buy than a stamp at a fifth. Look out that your stamp is really worth catalogue, though.

A CORRECTION.

In a previous article, I made reference to the Red Cross stamp of Reunion Islands, with black cross, priced \$6.50 in Scott, and mentioned it as bringing \$40.00 in France. I find that my data card on this stamp was made out in error, giving the wholesale quotation of Fr. 200 per ten as the retail price. The retail price is about Fr. 25, or roughly, \$5.00. Nevertheless, this is a desirable stamp, probably the best of the Red Cross stamps issued thus far.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. H. W.—Space will not permit a list of Seebecks at present. An article will be published on these at an early date. Watch for it. I have not heard of any U. S. perforated 11 1/2 as far as I recollect. I doubt if this is caused by paper shrinkage, however. Are you certain your measurements are correct, or that your guide is accurate? It is possible that this perforation was used in some of the recent experiments made. Submit them to an expert on perforations.

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We propose to insert upon this page matter that will be of interest to the boy collector. Some two thousand boys are now on our mailing list and it is our desire to come closely in contact with them in such a manner as will be most helpful. Any information desired will be cheerfully rendered through these columns. Do not submit stamps for examination.

PHILATELIC INVESTMENTS.

Buying stamps is one of the few ways a person can spend his money and still have it. The collector who buys wisely and enjoys his hobby, not only reaps the benefit of the pleasure of working with the stamps, but can usually sell out at any time for practically cost, and some times at a profit.

In order to keep the value of a collection up to the cost, the collector must buy very wisely, must adopt a strict standard of the fine condition, and must learn what stamps to buy and what to keep away from. These are some things that must be gained by experience to some degree, yet can be learned from the experience of others.

The writer has made and disposed of at least seven collections, and has collected, generally, twentieth century only; America only; Europe only; Colonials only; etc.; so he feels capable of knowing how to pick the winners. The present collection consists of United States and Canada, with certain restrictions, and only the very finest of condition.

The greater majority of stamp collectors fail to realize a profit on their collections, or even to break even, simply for the reason that they buy recklessly, without thought of the stamps or of the condition. They think it strange that when they offer the collection to a dealer, they are told that it is only worth a fifth of catalogue or less, when they paid about half catalogue in buying it. They forget that the dealer must remove many damaged and cheap unsalable stamps, and still sell the collection at a price sufficient to cover selling costs and allow a fair profit. It is sometimes pathetic to see the disappointed collector who has expected to get fifty or a hundred dollars for a collection listing two hundred and scarcely worth twenty-five, yet many of these lots, and smaller ones, are offered to the dealers daily.

No collector can buy indiscriminately and hope to realize his cost when he sells, no matter whether he keeps his stamps for a number of years or not. The average general collection as purchased from approval sheets contains damaged, unsalable, and speculative stamps. Every general dealer has in stock too much of this kind of stuff, and therefore cannot afford to buy more of it. Furthermore, the dealers can buy this speculative stock at considerable discounts in quantity and so stock it in that way.

The following is a list of undesirable items the collector should avoid at all times:

Damaged stamps, either stained, soiled, or torn.

Smudged or very heavily cancelled copies.

Straight-edge, trimmed, or stamps poorly perforated.

Stamps with thin spots, usually caused by excessive hinging.

Stamps with perforations missing.

Faded or oxidized stamps.

The above list applies to nearly all stamps, and stamps with those defects must be classed as undesirables. Most

stamps can be secured in perfection condition by waiting until a perfection copy comes along. Most of us will find that there are always at least ten more stamps offered us than we can afford to buy, so why buy any but the best?

It is often a sore temptation to put a "space-filler" or defective stamp in an album, to complete a set or page, especially when the price is low. A damaged stamp, unless skillfully repaired is worth little or nothing, as it is unsalable and an eye-sore in most cases. Repaired stamps are but little better than damaged, though not quite as displeasing to the eye.

This summer on my recent trip, I saw a collection worth several thousand dollars, which did not contain a single stamp that was not a picked copy. This is an exception, as nearly every condition crank will lower the bars to take in some favorite. Yet this collector with the high standard has demanded a perfect specimen in every case, and not only must his cancelled copies be lightly cancelled, but they must be postally used and the cancellation must add to the beauty of the stamp rather than destroy it, as is so often the case. His collection numbers over ten thousand varieties, and includes both used and unused stamps. It is truly a wonderful lot and one that will return his money and more when he sells. Every collector can have a similar lot for the trouble of searching for it, which is really a large part of the fun of collecting, is it not?

Leaving the subject of condition, we will turn to a few of the undesirable classes of stamps:

Cancelled-to-order stamps, in most cases.

Speculative and stamps made chiefly for sale to collectors.

Re-prints.

Counterfeits, and bogus stamps. These are only fit for specialists who use them for reference and treat them for what they are. Some exceptions to the re-prints may be made.

Pen-cancelled, and fiscally cancelled stamps, where postal cancelled copies can be obtained. Many pen-cancels are not fiscals, but none are as desirable as hand-stamped or printed cancellations. Rubber stamp cancellations are undesirable as a rule. The unknowing collector is apt to have these things foisted on him as desirable stamps. The way to treat the dealer who offers you a ten shilling stamp pen cancelled and evidently fiscally cancelled, as a postally used copy, is to cease to trade with him, and to let him know why.

Some speculative stamps are money-makers. The fact that the element of speculation is present, however, makes it a risky proposition for the inexperienced collector to handle. A keen student of new issues can pick the winners in a set, and by buying wisely, can avoid the losers in many cases. Of course, all stamps do not increase in value no matter how much we expect them to. Unless the collector has reached the stage where he knows his stamps perfectly and is prepared to take a few losses, he should not buy stamps on speculation. With my block of 4d Jamaicas that went from 12c to \$3.00 each, I bought a few New Hebrides sets that hit the toboggan and while they stopped in the middle, still they fell. So it goes. We make one day and lose the next. Only—if we don't know our business, we lose every day, whether we buy stamps or wheat.

In a further article, I will give a few instances where supposed sure investments went wrong. The collector who watches his condition, and buys wisely of the good things, should never need to worry about a heavy philatelic loss. He may not break quite even, as he must count in his fun as part of his assets,

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